# Lying Fayeds' keep Harrods

# Report dismisses \$1bn wealth claim

By Graham Searjeant and Richard Ford

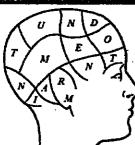
be allowed to keep Harrods, in spite of a damning official report which says they lied persistently to win approval for their £615m takeover of the House of Fraser stores group.

Mohamed and Ali Fayed lied repeatedly about their family background, their the brothers crooks and liars, saying the 752-page report had revealed an episode of "sleaze and slime" and opened a can said yesterday.

The inspectors found that the brothers were worth only a fraction of the \$1 billion that had been portrayed and that their claim to come from a well-established Egyptian family that had been wealthy for a hundred years was untrue.

But Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told an incredulous House of Commons it would not be in the public interest to disqualify the brothers as company directors. He was jeered by both Conservative and Labour MPs as he also ruled out reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and





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ister linked to the failed

attempt to overthrow Presi-

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of worms. But the Fayeds last night denounced the accusations in the report as worthless and said the fact that no action was being taken against them exploded the inspectors' "ex-

treme conclusions".

Timetable for the battle of

Sir Edward du Cann, the lost the 1985 takeover battle ownership of the company." for the House of Fraser and which has been campaigning against the Fayeds ever since, called for the brothers to be disqualified from the Harrods poard and for the store to lose Fayeds should be forced to leave the country," he said.

The report - by the High Court judge Sir Henry Brooke, QC, and the accountant Mr



The Fayed brothers are to quire action from me." His Hugh Aldous - said: "The statement was denounced as Fayeds dishonestly misreprepathetic by Labour's City sented their orgins, their spokesman Miss Marjorie wealth their business interests Mowlam, who said: The and their resources to the Secretary of State, the Office of Fair Trading, the Press, the this, where we are talking House of Fraser board and shareholders, and their own We uncovered more and more cases where the Fayeds were plainly telling us lies," the inspectors said. "We received evidence from the Fayeds, under solemn aff-

> and which the Fayeds knew to Mr Ridley confirmed in the Commons that it would be a criminal offence under the Perjury Act knowingly to make false statements to the inspectors; but the Attorney General, Sir Patrick Maybew, had decided no prosecutions

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memoranda, which was false

should be instigated. The DPP and the Serious Fraud Office said last week that there was insufficient evidence "to afford a realistic prospect of conviction for any criminal offence".

In the Commons yesterday, Mr David Ashby, Conservative MP for Leicestershire, North West, said there was a deep frustration on the government backbenches "that these crooks should get away with it". Mr Anthony Nelson, Conservative MP for Chichester, called for the Fayeds to lose Harrods. "Make it hurt chairman of Lonrho which where it does hurt and that is

But Mr Ridley said the provisions in the Company Directors Disqualification Act were not meant as a punishment, but to protect the its royal warrants. "I think the shareholders in the company.

The inspectors were appointed to investigate the Fayeds' claims about their background because Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry at the time of the takeover, relied on' assurances as to who they were and that they were paying cash for Europe's biggest store

chain with their own funds. Partly on the strength of those assurances, Mr Tebbit decided in an unusually short time not to refer their bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, thus ensuring that the Fayeds gained control of Harrods and that Mr Tiny Rowland's Lonrho could not.

The inspectors found no evidence to explain how the Fayeds had sufficient funds, but said: "It is likely that they used their association with the Sultan of Brunei to acquire



Counter attack: Mr Mohamed Fayed slicing up a salami in the Harrods food hall yesterday.

#### We received evidence which the Fayeds knew to be false 9

deal of attention to the Fayeds' personal history because they said that the por-trayal of their background in the Press had coloured public

opinion in their favour. But the inspectors decided they had lied about their everything from their age making themselves between four and ten years younger to their name, which should be Fayed and not, as Mr Mohamed Fayed claimed in his own case, Al-Fayed. They act of deception of the British had claimed to come from a government by Mohamed

The inspectors paid a great wealthy, established family, but were in fact the sons of a teacher of "respectable but humble origins".

> The inspectors also believed claims that Mohamed Fayed perpetrated a very substantial deception on the authorities in Haiti" and absconded with more than \$100,000 in 1964. "This is, in our opinion, a matter which is relevant for the Secretary of State to know when he considers what action he should take following an

ferent but even grander scale." Kleinwort Benson, the City

merchant bank that acted for the Fayeds, and Herbeter Smith, solicitors in the bid, were also criticized for taking the Faveds at face value. although the inspectors say they acted in good faith.

The inspectors said that since the Fayeds bought House of Fraser, its management had been "law-abiding, proper and regular".

The Office of Fair Trading

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#### Ministers round on Militant

By Nigel Williamson, Political Staff

The Government yesterday last night that he is defecting to the Labour Party. Two blamed extreme left-wingers more SDP peers are preparing to follow him. The moves for the violence that has marked town-hall protests against the poll tax as it come in the wake of Dr gratefully grasped the oppor-tunity to deflect attention Owen's disclosure that he might leave politics at the next from its own difficulties. Afghan return

Downing Street let it be known that the Prime Minister fully accepted the right to peaceful protest but deplored the violence and the burden it was placing on the police. Mrs Margaret Thatcher is

scheduled to visit Scotland tomorrow and is almost certain to be met by demonstra- fessed Militant supporter who

The Times reveals today that 13 of the 17 regional or-ganizers of the All-Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation are Militant Tendency supporters and that other revolutionary parties have been involved in poli tax violence.

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tions organized by the Scottish Anti-Poll Tax Federation. The Scots body is led by Mr Tommy Sheridan, a self-con-

has been expelled from the Labour Party.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conservative Party chairman, wrote to Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, calling on him to take action against Labour MPs who are backing the Anti-Poll Tax Federation, which is co-ordinating the protests and which he described as a front for the Militant Tendency. Militant was orchestrating "scenes of violence and intimidation".

Mr Baker said that by backing the federation Continued on page 24, col 2 | Leader of the Commons, pro-

#### Apology by Browne

Mr John Browne yesterday posed a four-week suspension made a full apology to the House of Commons for failing to declare all his outside financial interests. He told MPs as they dis-

cussed his punishment that he was "truly sorry" for his mistakes, for the misery he had caused his family and the House and his constituency. He said he had misunderstood the rules on disclosure.

Mr Browne was the first speaker in a solemn debate and was heard in silence. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the

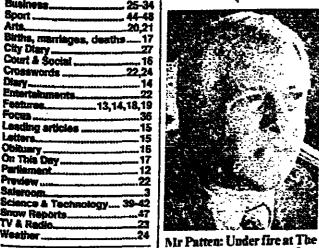
from the House for Mr Browne, saying that his "acts and omissions" did not match his responsibilities as an MP.

"One of those responsibilities," he said, "is to ensure that any personal financial or and disclosed that it never is embarrassment brought to the in conflict or is perceived to be in conflict with the fundamental obligations and responsibilites of an MP.

"It is in my opinion clear . that Mr Browne did not succeed in fulfilling that

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#### Patten tries to deflect North Sea pollution storm



From Michael McCarthy Environment Correspondent The Hague

An unprecedent barrage of international environmental criticism descended on Britain yesterday at the Third North Sea Conference at The Hague.

Norway, Sweden and Denmark led the way by formally demanding of Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, that the sea dumping of industrial wastes and sewage sludge, which Britain alone continues, be halted immediately, and that plans for a new nuclear waste reprocessing plant at Dounreay in Scotland be cancelled.

Ireland, present at the conference as an observer, followed by calling for the closure of the giant nuclear reprocessing

added obliquely to criticism of Britain's environmental record.

Speaking of the phasing out of sewagesludge dumping by 1998, and the Government's earlier announcement that industrial waste dumping will be phased out by 1992-93, Mr Patten said: "We have put forward an important series of measures for further enhancing the quality of the North Sea." The real reason for the North Sea's problems was river-borne pollutants from continental Europe. "I hope when we next meet at a North Sea conference all the other member states are able to point to river quality as high as that in the United Kingdom," he said.

Mr Patten said of the call by Mr

plant at Sellafield in Cumbria, while other states, including West Germany, Minister, for the closure of Sellafield, that in two previous formal meetings it was "the first time I have ever heard him mention Sellafield". Discharges at the plant had been reduced by 90 per cent over the past 10 years and present investment envisaged a further 90 per cent reduction of remaining waste.

> Mr Patten said Dounreay would beconsidered as a possible candidate for the European fast-breeder reactor programme. "But there won't be a decision on that for another five or six years," he said. "If, and I suggest it is quite a substantial if, Dounreay were to be chosen it would need to go through all the tightest sort of planning controls and we would obviously want to consult our colleagues very closely indeed."

The Department of Trade and Industry inspectors presented a catalogue of "overwhelming" lies told by the Fayeds before and after the bid for the retail chain (Angela Mackay writes).

The report said the brothers had "dishonestly misrepresented" their origins, their wealth, their business interests and their resources to the Secretary of State, the Office of Fair Trading, the press, the House of Fraser board and the company's sharehold-

ers and their own advisers. The inspectors said the manner and demeanour of both Mohamed and Ali Fayed made them reluctant to believe anything they said unless it was reliably corroborated by independent evidence.

The inspectors said: • The brothers supplied birth certificates which were false and which the Fayeds knew to be false;

• That they had come from "respectable but humble origins and are the sons of teachers" and not as they said members of an old established Egyptian family who had been shipowners, landowners and industrialists for more than 100 years;

 They altered their names from Fayed to Al Fayed; • Their claim to have had British nannies was untrue;

• The brothers did not buy the yacht Dodi - which they said had been in the family - until the 1960s; • That the relationship with the Sultan of Brunei did not stem from their fathers being friends - they had

never met — but was relatively recent; They rejected the brothers' claim that they left Egypt in 1962 with £20 million;

• The brothers had not had a fleet of ships in pre-Nasser times which had survived nationalization. They owned only two 1,600-ton cargo ferries and 14 vessels recently bought in Dubai;

• That they inflated the income from banking, construction, luxury hotels, oil and property

 That the £50.5 million and \$330 million deposited with Royal Bank of Scotland were not from the dissolution of a secret oil trading syndicate and that the money was not beneficially owned by them;

They misled the regulatory authorities at the time of the bid for the House of Fraser by telling them they

had a net worth of \$US1 billion; and That Mohamed deceived the government and people of the Carribean island of Haiti and deprived

them of \$US100.000: House of Fraser said the the DTI investigation went "off the rails" and the report had little to do with the affairs of House of Fraser. The brothers said the extreme conclusions about their background and the sources of wealth were "exploded" by inquiries by the Serious Fraud Office and the Director of Public

Prosecutions. Mr Michael Cole, media director, said the money to buy House of Fraser was from the Fayeds' own resources. He did not refute individually any other statements by the DTI inspectors.

#### "Oh no ... not another whine and cheese party..."

I hink Global!" said the Chief Executive.

"But always remember the local market!" warned the Marketing Director.

"More volume, more quality customers!" demanded the

The fighting talk had left us shell-shocked, and worse was to come . . . the conference cocktail party.

Oh no . . . not another whine and cheese party I thought, more shop, more work.



in Jersey. The chap who organised the conference was born here, and he'd arranged a wine tasting for us at La Mare, the island's vineyard.

Beautiful spot, deep in the country, we forgot all about business – just what we needed. Strolling around the vineyard was like being back in Bordeaux.

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#### UVF link to fate of stolen paintings

organization, has been trying to raise funds in Turkey by offering paintings valued at £100 million which were stolen from the Sir Alfred Beit collection four years ago (Edward Gorman and Sarah Jane Checkland write).

The 17 paintings, including works by Goya, Velazquez and Vermeer, were taken from the home in Co Wicklow of the octogenerian South African billionnare during a night

"The Letter Writer," by Gabriel Metsu, the 17th-century Dutch artist, was recovered by the police in Turkey last week. Six other works were recovered previously.

Four people from Co Armagh, Northern Ireland, are believed to have been acting as intermediaries for a prominent Dublin criminal figure who planned the original theft of the paintings in 1986. The Irish Times, quoting sources in the Irish police and

the Royal Ulster Constabulary, said yesterday that the Dublin man still had "control" over the paintings. The newspaper said it was thought all but one of the

paintings may still be in Ireland.
Sources said it appeared that the Metsu was the only painting from the collection to be taken to Turkey. The rest were believed to be still in Dublin.

#### £2.5bn tourist gap

The tourism trade gap grew 20 per cent wider last year in spite of a healthy increase in overseas visitors to Britain (Shona Crawford Poole writes).

The deficit on the travel account of the balance of payments increased to £2.5 billion in 1989 from £2 billion the year before. The worsening trend was "a concern," Lord Strathclyde, Minister for Tourism, said last night, but he dismissed the possibility of travel or currency restrictions. There was a 9 per cent rise in overseas visitors to Britain, to 17,200,000.

#### Prison officer's win

Prison officers celebrated yesterday what they saw as a important restoration of bargaining power after the Court of Appeal ruled that a prison officer was wrongfully suspended during a dispute (Quentin Cowdry writes). The court decided that the Prison Department's suspension of Mrs Rebecca Attard without pay from Holloway prison, north London, was unlawful. In a separate appeal a suspended Wandsworth prison officer was told he could continue to

#### Defence chief named

General Sir Richard Vincent, who headed a senior British military delegation to the Soviet Union last year, has been appointed the next Chief of the Defence Staff. Sir Richard, aged 58, who is vice-chief of the defence staff, will take over in a year's time. He will replace Sir David Craig, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, who will have held the job for over two years by the time he retires at the age of 61.

#### Drug case judge freed

A Pakistani judge jailed for 10 years by Guildford Crown Court in 1988 for heroin trafficking had his conviction quashed and sentence set aside by the Court of Appeal yesterday. Syed Iqbal, a civil judge from Lahore, detained at Heathrow airport in August 1987 with nearly three kilos of the drug, had claimed that heroin had been placed in his luggage without his knowledge by "an enemy". The appeal

#### Car bomb false alarm

Bomb disposal experts who examined a Royal Navy officer's car after he reported what he thought was an explosives booby-trap said yesterday it had been a false alarm (Paul Wilkinson writes). A malfunction in the engine had caused a loud backfire when he attempted to drive it from its pasking place on a street in York on Monday night, North Yorkshire Police said. They praised the officer, based at RAF Lintonon-Ouse, for his "prompt action" in raising the alert.

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# Gadaffi men 'investigating loans allegations'

By a Staff Reporter

The Libyan who claims to have arranged the payment of £163,000 to the National Union of Mineworkers has said that Colonel Gadaffi has sent a team of investigators to

Mr Altaf Abbasi informed his controllers of reports alleging that Libyan money intended for miners suffering hardship had also been used to pay off personal loans by NUM officials.

He told the Daily Mirror that he was immediately ordered back to Tripoli on a Libyan Airlines flight, delayed to give him time to catch it.

Mr Abbasi says that he and Mr Roger Windsor, former chief executive of the NUM, met Mr Salim Ibrahim, Colonel Gadaffi's pay-master in Paris, and asked for £2 million. He then made three trips to Tripoli to fetch cash "in sterling £20

Mr Abbasi said: "There were three payments I handed over at

three different places. I wanted an independent witness each time."

The money was collected in Tripoli from a "Mr Bashir", leader of the Libyan union movement, and reported to be one of Colonel Gadaffi's top intelligence men. Mr Abbasi used the codename, "Doctor" and referred to Mr Scargill as

Mr Abbasi, aged 44, was born in Pakistan and became the highlyregarded European representative of the Libyan-backed group Al Zulfikar (The Sword). He was awarded Colonel Gadaffi's prized Medal of Great Awakening. Al Zulfikar was behind the hijacking of a Pakistan airliner nine years ago, when Mr Abbasi was serving a 25-year sentence in Pakistan for supposedly plotting with Libyan diplomats to blow up a mosque. He was freed in a hostage exchange and moved to Doncaster, North Yorkshire, where he had a grocery shop, which he rarely visited. "He travels a lot," an assistant said.

Mr Windsor, aged 45, has given the Daily Mirror details of the Libyan transactions, which, he alleges, involved himself, Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, and Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary, and payment of personal

Mr Windsor, who says he and his family fear Libyan reprisals, claims to have been sent to Tripoli by Mr Scargill in October 1984 to beg for cash from Colonel Gadaffi and to have later collected £163,000 from Mr Abbasi at addresses in Yorkshire. Initially, he says, he took it to his Sheffield home and "what we couldn't keep in my briefcase we stuffed into biscuit tins and boxes on the top shelf of the larder. Scarrill knew each time I went to pick the

Of the trip to Libya, Mr Windsor says: "I was swept along by events.
Arthur told me, "This is the greatest contribution you can make to the miners' strike'. He assured me he would stand by me in everything I

that was bestowed on me. I felt that I had pulled the short straw, but I agreed to go.

"Now my feelings are of bitter disappointment — how Arthur tried to distance himself from me when things started going wrong."

On television last Monday night. Mr Windsor claimed that Mr Scargill met Mr Abbasi at the Windsors' home in Sheffield. Mr Scargill has said he met Mr Abbasi by chance at the Windsors' home when he visited it with his wife after a Nottinghamshire miners' meeting.

Mr Scargill said: "I found Mr Abbasi was in Mr Windsor's bome. I certainly did not arrange to meet him there and did not have any discussion with him when I was

He said he first met Mr Abbasi in 1984 when they were introduced by Mr Windsor at a conference. The two met again in Paris in October of that year. The only other times they had met were at a Labour Party

did. I wouldn't say it was an honour conference in Bournemouth and the occasion at Mr Windsor's home.

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Mr Scargill has vehemently denied using £25,000 of Libyan money to repay a mortgage and Mr Heathfield has denied getting £17,000 for home improvements. Mr Windsor says he received £29,500 of the Libyan money to pay off a bridging loan and that he now

wants to pay it to Libya or the miners' solidarity fund. Mr Scargill denies all knowledge of any Libyan money reaching the NUM and describes the allegations against him as "character assassination".

Referring to the feelings of NUM members, he said: "The fact is that at the end of the day all I can do is to base my record clearly in front of the membership and say I have never told you a lie, I have always told you the truth, and at the end of the day I am quite convinced that they will believe me because my record proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that I have never let them down."

# SDP facing break-up threat as peers defect

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

of the break-up of the Social Democratic Party at Westminster in the wake of Dr David Owen's disclosure that he might leave politics at the next general election.

Lord Kennet, one of the SDP's most active peers, announced that he is defecting to the Labour Party.

Two more SDP peers are preparing to follow him and are expected to disclose their plans at the party's weekly meeting later today.

The departure of Lord Kennet, a Labour Party member from 1956 to 1981, is a possibilities that have opened significant blow to the party as he is the foreign affairs and defence spokesman in the upper House, and served as a iunior Labour minister in the Wilson administration and later as an MEP.

The defection of three peers in one week would leave the SDP with only 19 peers and three MPs.

In addition four SDP peers have left the party since last summer, with Lord Young of Dartington, a leading sociologist, rejoining the Labour peers last summer: Lord Flowers, the distinguished scientist and academic, switching to

Fresh signs emerged last night the independent crossbenches; and Lord Hanworth, a barrister and engineer, moving to the Liberal Democrats. Lord Kennet said last night "It always seemed possible that the formation of the SDP would cause the Labour Party to return to its true nature

> "At last year's Labour conference it was clear that this was well on the way; only the disarmament policy was still a bit imprecise but that has now been overtaken by the great

which is that of a social

democratic party of the Euro-

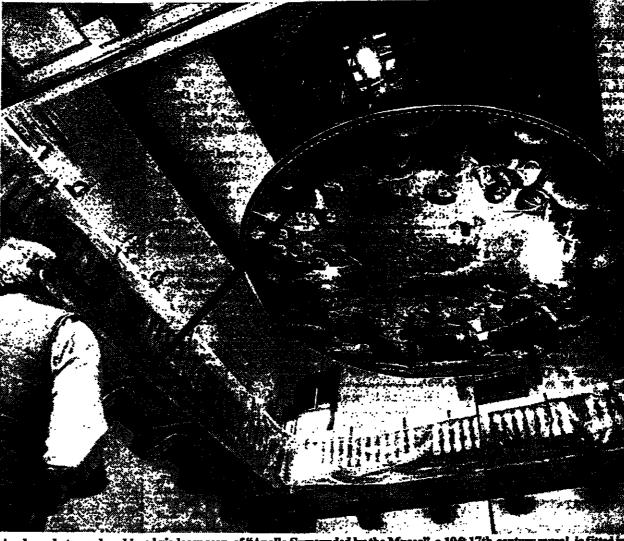
up throughout Europe.' He predicted that Labour would soon advocate a reform proportional representation.

"A Conservative Party that has allowed the present Prime Minister to damage Britain to the extent we now see has to be opposed in the most effective way possible."

Dr Owen said he "regretted" Lord Kennet's decision but recognized an individual's right to belong to the political party of his choice.

Lady Stedman, leader of the SDP peers, said: "We are sorry to see him go.."

# Apollo ascends heavenwards



A colour photograph, achieved via laser scan, of "Apollo Surrounded by the Muses", a 19ft 17th-century mural, is fitted into place at Queens House Maritime Museum in Greenwich, home of the original before it was removed to Mariborough House.

#### Birmingham pub bombings

#### Six say they 'want truth to be told' By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

ingham public house bombings have made it clear they are not interested in parole and will only leave prison if don't want parole, we want no Three suspected IRA terror-

the men in an interview on BBC Radio 4, which some Conservative MPs said was an insult to the 21 people who died and 162 injured in the

Interviewed in Long Lartin prison near Evesham, Hereford and Worcester, Johnny Walker and Hugh Callaghan said they and the four others convicted for the bombings were determined their "innocence" should be officially recognized. In the first state-

We will not leave prison until the truth is told. We their convictions are quashed. pats on the back. We just want

> Walker, aged 55, whose comments come at a time when the Home Office is facing intense pressure to reopen the cases of the six, said he was confident that they

> would be exonerated. The Home Office said that although journalists were allowed to interview convicted inmates from time to time, it felt the broadcast breached a convention that such interviews should not

The six men serving life ment publicly broadcast by directly on the circumstances fied less than a year ago. The sentences for the 1974 Birm- one of the six since they were surrounding their convictions. jailed in 1975, Walker said: The BBC said it had received just two complaints from listeners about the interview.

ists alleged to have been Their decision was an the truth so we can go home to behind attacks against British nounced yesterday by two of our wives and families." military personnel on the Continent came a step closer yesterday to extradition from France for trial in West Germany (Philip Jacobson writes

> After a brief hearing in Paris, the court of appeal cleared the way for the two men and a woman arrested in the Moselle region on Bastille Day last year to become the first people to be handed over by the French government under the Convention on unit operating against British. allow inmates to comment Terrorism, which France rati-

court ruled that Mr Patrick Murray, aged 45, Mr Donagh O'Kane, aged 29, and Miss Pauline Drums, aged 23, should not be re-extradited to Britain by West Germany without France's approval.

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It is now up to the French government to make the final decision whether to comply

with Bonn's request. The West German federal court of justice has accused all three of "murder, attempted murder, causing explosions, firearms offences and consumacv with other law-breakers". The West German authorities have made it clear that all the alleged offences are connected. with the activities of an IRA

#### Sotheby's ex-chairman linked to silver when Sotheby's announced its plan to

By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

Sotheby's is investigating claims that the late Mr Peter Wilson, its chairman in the early 1980s, owned items from the Seuso Roman silver hoard and that he was the mystery "third man" who sold them to Lord Northampton.

His involvement could, it is claimed, mean Sotheby's breached the code of practice under which the fine art trade operates. Claims of Mr Wilson's connection have embarrassed the auction house, which is already under fire for its role in selling the £40 million treasure. Sotheby's New York initially denied Mr Wilson had owned part of the 14piece collection but last night a spokesman said the auction house had to

make further inquiries. "If Sotheby's were connected with the original owners they have breached the Code of Practise for the Control of International Trading in Works of Art," one auctioneer said. Since February 9,

sell the collection, there has been intense speculation as to its origin and whether it has been exported legally.

Mr Charles Allsopp, chairman of Christie's, said: "The world confuses Christie's with Sotheby's and other auction houses, and something like this does all of us no good."

The code, signed by both auction houses as well as the British Antique Dealers Association in 1984, gives an undertaking by signatories not to import, export or transfer the ownership of objects which may have been "acquired dishonestly or illegally from an official excavation site or monument or originated from an illegal, clandestine or otherwise unofficial site".

Although the code was established after Lord Northampton's purchase, there were unconfirmed fears yesterday that Sotheby's may have known of Mr Wilson's involvement and that accordingly it had breached both the Unesco agreement that member countries do nottrade in smuggled goods and its own code of practise. So far Sotheby's will confirm only that

Mr Wilson authenticated the silver in a written report. There was also speculation as to where the other 16 pieces of the hoard are situated, after the disclosure: that Lord Northampton's consignment was probably only half of the original;

One source said they were being keptin a bank vault in Zurich where the Northampton silver was once stored. Others believe the pieces have been; distributed to private collectors in

The Lebanese Embassy in Washington is gathering evidence to support that country's claim to the silver, however there are strong indications that the silver was initially found in Yugoslavia.

There was also a strong feeling that adverse publicity may have damaged the

# EC threat to organic farms

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

is threatened by draft European Community legislation that could lead to consumers paying high prices for food in the mistaken belief that it was free of chemicals, it was claimed yesterday.

In an unusual show of unity, the Government, organic growers and conventional farmers condemned the Brusorganic produce. There is ation, said. "It could mean it is harvested and sold.

The future of organic farming particular concern about a clause allowing food to be at the end of the sur sold only 12 mouths after the tured fertilizer to the land.

"In our view this would open the way for potential frand and undermine all the hard work we have done to get high standards accepted." Mr Pat-

that you could apply fertilizer labelled "organic" if it was a winter wheat crop in October and harvest it the following August and sell the resulting product as organic."

Under the UK Register of Organic Food Standards, introduced last year, a crop can be labelled organic only if it is sown at least two years after rick Holden, director of the the last application of chemisels draft on the ground that it British Organic Farmers' and cals to the land, which means would set lax standards for Organic Growers' Associ- that three years elapse before

CORRECTION

The community charge for the London Borough of Barnet is £338, not £390 as stated on March 3. Barner is 7 per cent above the figure assessed by, the Department of the Environment, not 54 per cent.

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# costs businesses up to £800m a year

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drinking habits, while also

Up to 14 million working days organizations adopt alcohol carry considerable risks of exare lost each year because of excessive or "inappropriate" drinking, at a cost to industry of an estimated £800 million, it was claimed yesterday.

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The figures were produced at the launch of a governmentsupported campaign by the charity Alcohol Concern to persuade companies that alcopersuade companies that alco-hol misuse is an industrial as Nicholls, Under-Secretary of well as a social problem, and State for Employment, who

of Alcohol Concern's workplace advisory service, said precise figures were almost impossible to obtain but that Management have also dethe problem was more widespread than was generally

The campaign was launched to adopt policies to combat it.

Mr Ossie O'Brien, director ment grant of £100,000.

help," he said.

The Confederation of Brit-ish Industry, the TUC and the Institute of Personnel clared their support.

The campaign organizers have identified a number of "We should like to see more occupations which appear to

Vulnerable occupations — liver cirrhosis mortality

amongst British males (1979-80, 1982-83) Managers: hotele/clubs, entertainment & sports Deck: engineering & radio officers & pilots, ship Electrical engineers (so described) Electrical engineers (so described)

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sdical and dental practitioners

cessive and harmful drinking. Among the most frequently suggested reasons for excesidentifying employees with drinking problems at an early stage and offering them guidsive drinking are strains and stresses, danger, respon-sibility, lack of job security and boredom, freedom from ance to seek appropriate

supervision, the availability of alcohol at work and social sures to drink at work. Contrary to popular belief, most people with drinking problems have full-time jobs

and can be found at every

level from the shopfloor to the

The results can be measured in figures for accidents and absences because of sickness as well as in reduced efficiency, poor decision making and lost productivity.

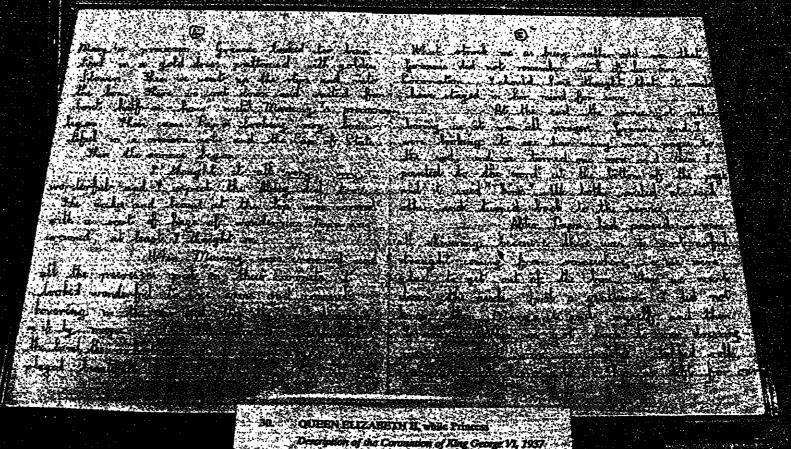
Often, signs that an employee has a drink problem are overlooked. Among them are patterns of absence around weekends; the frequency and timing of accidents; late re-turns to work from lunch; unpredictable mood changes; depression; fluctuating work performance; and poor co-operation with colleagues.

An alcohol policy means problems at work should be seen as a health matter rather than an immediate cause for dismissal or disciplinary ac-

Aims of the policy should be to promote the health and wellbeing of employees.

It should also encourage safe and sensible drinking habits; to identify employees with possible problems at an eary stage and encourage them to seek help; and to offer the

# Excessive drinking | Private thoughts of a very public family



Description of the Coronation of King George VI, 1987 The coronation of George VI in 1937 recalled in the hand of his daughter, the young Princess Elizabeth, who "thought it all very, very wonderful".



After the coronation, father and

daughter at Buckingham Palace.

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of the main attractions in an exhibition entitled A Royal Miscellany, which opens at Bucking-ham Palace tomorrow (Simon Tait

George III's private journal is one

writes).

The journal, taken from the Royal Library at Windsor Castle which is being refurbished, releases for public view "a feast of treasures and cariosities", as a little analysis and cariosities de little analysis and cariosities and 19th-century private visitor described it, many for the first time.
"It's more of a museum than a library," Mr Oliver Everett, the

Royal Librarian, said. "It particu-

larly reflects the personalities of the Royal Family." The Queen is represented in the exhibition by her account of the Coronation of her father, George VI, in 1937, when she was 11. She was standing next to her grandmother, Queen Mary, as the

ceremony went on, and on ... "At

the end, the service got rather boring as it was all prayers. Grannic and I were looking to see how many more pages to the end, and we turned one more and then I pointed to the word at the bottom of the page and it said 'Finis'. We both smiled at each other and

turned back to the service." There are the journals of Queen Charlotte and of Queen Victoria, and the latter's theatrical paintings and love songs written for her by Prince Albert.

There are water-colours by the present Prince of Wales, the shirt worn by Charles I at his execution, the clock which Henry VIII gave to Anne Boleyn, and a Mappa Mundi fragment predating the Hereford Cathedral Mappa by 30

Within the collections of personal royal memorabilia are signs

Charles I's art collection was reputed to be the finest in the world until it was almost completely destroyed in a fire at Whitehall Palace.

His heirs carried on the tradition, however, particularly with important books such as the Mainz Psalter of 1457, the second book to be printed with moveable type, and also Caxton's Aesop's Fables of 1484.

On exhibit are decorations that have been worn by royalty. There are also the mechanisms which delighted George II such as an astronomical clock, now back in the glass-toped display desk in which it was originally set. Visitors will find the only Turner in the royal collection, a painting of Windsor Castle bought

by the Queen in 1987. The exhibition continues until

January 13 next year.

#### Statesta Colombia Owl jug to return

to Stoke

By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

A jug shaped in the form of a plump, perching owl, discovered recently on the BBC television programme Antiques Road Show, will return to its place of origin at a ceramics museum at Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, after its sale for £20,900 at Phillips yester-

Mr Alistair Sampson, a London dealer, bid on the museum's behalf to end a long quest for the eccentric piece of 18th-century Staffordshire pottery. The museum had previously owned only a head-

Curators failed last year to raise enough funds to buy a similar owl at Sotheby's.

The purchase, within es-timate, was aided by funds from the National Art-Collections Fund and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The owl, bought from a Birmingham antiques shop for a few pounds in the 1930s, had spent the past few decades as a flower pot until Mr Henry Sandon, the ceramics specialist, spotted it during filming of the television programme.

Spain hopes to break the world record for the Cubist artist Juan Gris on March 22. A collage painting of a violin, dated October 1914, is esti-mated at 380 million pesetas

(£2.5 million). The auction by Edmund Peel and Asociados also includes an important work by Joaquin Sorolla y Bastida, nated at £500,000.

#### PORTFOLIO

There were no winners in yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio day's prize money is doubled up to £4,000.

#### Jail chief tells of car bomb escape

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

before realizing that a bomb

Mr Thomas Murtagh, who oners last July. was governor of a centre for warning, assuming she had mistaken his name for that of

a colleague. Mr Murtagh was giving evidence at Belfast Crown Court on the second day of the trial' of Christopher John Hanna, aged 45, a former prison officer in the H Blocks

of the Maze prison, who denies 11 charges; including aiding and abetting the mur-der of a fellow prison officer, and the attempted murder of Mr Murtagh.

Mr Hanna, of Magheragall, near Lisburn, Co Antrim, is alleged to have collected infor-

twice by a former captain in

the Royal Artillery after being

told he would behave "like a

The woman told the Central

Criminal Court that after din-

ner at his home, he had carried

her struggling and screaming on his shoulders into his bed-

room, where the attack alleg-

me as if I wasn't really there.

There was no emotion on his

A prison governor told a mation on his colleagues and Belfast court yesterday that he passed it on to the IRA knowhad stopped and parked his ing it would be used in an car three times while on a attempt to kill them. He also shopping trip with his wife faces charges in connection was attached to its underside. the Maze by republican pris-

Mr Murtagh normally young offenders near Belfast, said a friend of his wife had told him in a supermarket that she thought she had heard a but for their shopping trip on radio report suggesting that October 5, 1988, he and his his car may have been booby wife had used her Honda

They had stopped at three different locations on their shopping trip, finally parking the car outside a supermarket.

It was only half an hour after he had dismissed the woman's warning that Mr Murtagh noticed a box attached to the underside of the car on the driver's side.

Earlier, the court was told that the bomb contained a quantity of Semtex high explosive, designed to detonate when mercury in a tilt switch moved with the motion of the

The trial continues today.

year, has pleaded not guilty.

The woman, a personal assistant, also aged 26, said she

tion with Mr Rudd after being

assured by a former boy friend

who knew him that he was "a

perfectly safe".

gentleman and it would be

Mr Bernard Phelvin, for the

prosecution, said that after his

the police she was an "active

and willing participant" in all

**Ex-Army captain** 

denies double rape

A woman told a court yes-terday that she was raped retired from the Army last

"I was crying, frightened arrest Mr Rudd had denied and upset. He kept looking at the allegations. He had told

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#### face whatsoever," she said. that had happened. The case continues today. Oliver Rudd, aged 26, of

edly took place.

Hovercraft windfall for widow By Nick Nuttail Technology Correspondent

Az elderly widow whose bashand played a key role in the at of the hovercraft is to receive a windfall after an historic legal battle in the United States patent courts.

Mrs Margaret Bliss, an aid vorker in Africa and believed to be in her late sixtles, is to receive a "generous" ex gratia Ayment from the British Technology Group (BTG), the former National Research ment Corporation, which, in 1959, backed the

It was announced yesterday that the US Defence Department has agreed to pay \$6.1 million (£3.7 million) to BTG's subsidiary, Hovercraft Development Ltd. to settle long-

Bliss, a librarian with Voluntary Service Overseas, is to recognize the "significant" contribution that her late hasband, Mr Denis Bliss, made to the project, BTG said.

He was one of more than 200 engineers working in the early 1960s at Hythe, Hampshire, to commercialize the craft, and he came up with the crucial design of its seg-

mented, pressurized skirt. Yesterday, the craft's inventor, Sir Christopher Cockerell, aged 79, said that Mr Bliss's contribution was second only to his own.

Without the segmented skirt, the craft would have been able to hover, but unable to go over waves and rocks, Mr Maurice Martin, engine director at BTG, said.

The 20-year wrangle with

the Pentagon centred on skirt technology in military hovercraft. The Pentagon claimed that under a 1953 technology exchange treaty between Brit-ain and the US, intellectual property rights did not apply to the skirt.

In what is described as an intense legal poker game against a "very powerful oppo-nent with a limitless pocket", BTG took the US Government to court in 1985.

Mr John Morton, BTG's company secretary, said: "They tried to string things out and hoped we would either go away or be paid off with a few dollars."

The US Government settlement, announced on Tuesday after the courts backed BTG, means that the craft has, more <u>thon</u> 30 years after its inven-

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#### The poll tax debate: the Militant connection

# Thirteen who organized town hall sieges named

By Jamie Detimer and Ray Clancy

This week's violent poll tax agitation has sparked a dramatic resurgence in the fortunes of Militant Tendency and other Trotskyite groups. They believe they have struck a rich vein of protest that could help them to restore their influence within the Labour Party and public-

The Times has discovered that the All-Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation, the organization behind the violent scenes in council chambers across the country, is hardly distinguishable from Militant itself. Thirteen out of the 17 regional organizers of the federation are Militant Tendency supporters.

Other groups which have become associated with the agitation include the Socialist Workers' Party, the Revolutionary Communist Party, the Socialist Organizer and a number of anarchist groups, including Class War, known for its violent tactics during the Wapping print dispute in 1986.

But Mr Peter Taaffe, editor of Militant, sitting among anti-poll tax posters in his office in Hackney, east London, admitted yesterday that "the role of Militant in the federation is a prominent one". He added: "We believe in organizing resistance to the poll tax, of organizing a campaign of mass civil disobedience."

Although that campaign is on one level aimed at the Government's community charge, its ultimate target is to disrupt Mr Neil Kinnock's leadership of the Labour Party. Moderate Labour MPs fear that Militant has a secret agenda designed again to make the Trotskyite organization a significant

force within the Labour Party.

According to Militant insiders, Militant supporters have been ordered to concentrate on organizing marches against Labour councils rather than Conservative ones and to use the pitation to recruit new members into the Trotskyite organization.

In a dossier compiled by The Times, the scale of Militant's infiltration into the federation is revealed for the first time. The 13 Militant supporters who are the regional organizers are Mr Jeff Goulding, chairman of the Liverpool Anti-Poll Tax Committee, who has written in Militant about the importance of linking the campaign with the Labour Party, Miss Cathy Harding (Wales), praised as "a class fighter" in Militant; Mr Jack Harvey (west Scotland), who has called for "making the poll tax unworkable in Scotland and a non-

#### Role is organizing resistance to tax

starter for the rest of the country" in Militant; Mr Steve Hoare (east Midlands); Mr Wally Kennedy (London); Mr Kevin Miles (Northern); Mr Dave Murray (Eastern); Mr Steve Nally, who wrote in *Militant* that "this movement could be the breaking of Thatcher; Mr John Rathbone (press officer); Miss Maureen Reynolds (treasurer); Mr Tommy Sheridan (chairman), who was expelled from the Labour Party last year for membership of Militant; Mr Russell Taylor (east Scotland); and Mr Rob

Windsor (West Midlands). A long-term strategy using the anti-poll tax agitation was mapped out over a year ago by Mr Taaffe and Mr Ted Grant, the organization's main political thinker, according to insiders.

That strategy was first seen in Scotland last year. Militant supporters started to form local anti-poll tax unions or to hijack ones formed by other groups.

One of the most productive ways in which Militants have drummed up support is by door-to-door canvassing with poll tax leaflets, petitions and memberships cards. Many of the people working with the various federation committees are young unemployed Militant supporters. They are encouraged to spend their time walking around housing estates and knocking on every door where they sign up new members. Miss Louise James, aged 25



and unemployed, who set up a committee on the Hoxton estate in Hackney, said: "I am a Militant supporter because it is the only organization which has actively campaigned for people not to pay the poll tax."

She spends all her time working for the London branch of the federation which operates from a flat in Stratford, east London. "I come from a family of Labour Party supporters. I joined the party when I left school and see nothing wrong with supporting Militant."

Last year, Labour Party managers in

London began to notice a sudden upsurge in membership applications from branches in Scotland they had not heard a word from for years. Party officials started to investigate these applications and unearthed Militant's

In London last September the Federa-tion of Anti-Poll Tax Unions launched its English and Welsh campaigns, claiming 489 affiliated unions and groups had

pledged support for non-payment.

Many of the "smash the poll tax" leaflets seen being distributed at demonstrations outside town halls and at APTU stalls set up in high streets on Saturdays are being printed by Militant—the wealthiest of the Trotskyite groups on its own presses in the East End of

Since the early 1980s Militant has had ample sums available for campaigning. It has five main sources of income: ad hoc donations to the organization's "fighting fund" which probably bring in about £200,000 a year, sales of the organization's weekly newspaper Militani, which account for a further £250,000; commercial profits from its London printing firms, Cambridge Heath Press and Eastway Offset; regular and large subscriptions from Militant supporters who are prepared to give about 15 per cent of their salaries over to the organization; and donations from trade union officials and branches. At least £1 million is available to Militant every year for campaigni

Militant is anxious to harness more financial support from the union movement by capturing the control of at least one public-sector union. Mr Roger Bannister, a known Militant supporter, is in the running to become general secretary of Nalgo, the local government union, in a postal ballot which starts today.. Moderates in the union fear that Mr Bannister could win if there is a low vote. If elected, Mr Bannister has pledged that he will direct Nalgo members to boycott collection of the poll

point lead in the Conservative

stronghold, Tory strategists recognize that safety-first tac-tics will do little to unsettle

They have opted for a

counter-attack to dispel public

"hysteria" over the charge

which will mean increases of

between £55 and £117 for the

average ratepayer in the Mid-

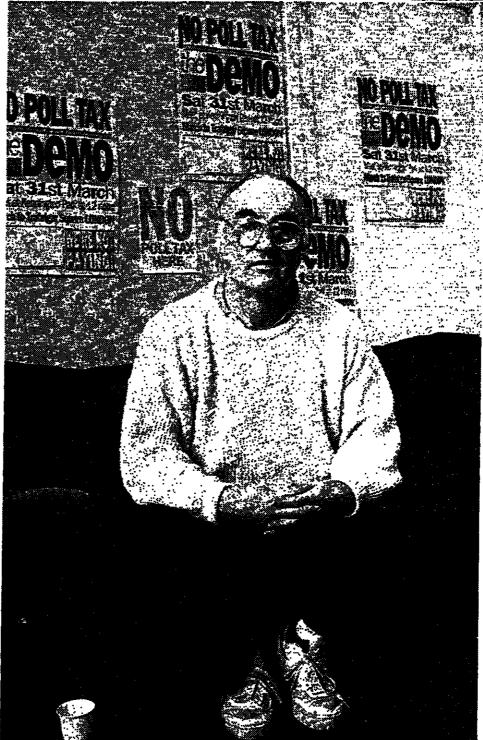
Mr Hunt will seek to ex-

plain the principles behind the

poll tax and the rebates avail-

their opponents.

lands seat.



Mr Taafe, editor of Militant, yesterday: "We believe in organizing resistance to the tax."

#### Inside the campaign fortress

By Ray Clancy

The main Militant office in east London resembles a fortress, with electronic gates, spy cameras angled from the roof and nasty looking metal spikes on the walls.

There are no outward signs, no signs, posters or stickers, just a pair of electronic gates covered with peeling green paint. On the stone wall is a wires hanging out.

Cars and people going into the building have to be allowed entry from inside. It took a great deal of arguing yesterday to gain entry to the "citadel", a drab grey building.

Inside Mr Ken Smith, press officer, said: "We had someone try to burn down the building 10 years ago."

The atmosphere is not exactly relaxed inside. Beside the reception desk were three closed-circuit television ecreeps. On the walls a enloch of yellow and red stands out from the anti-poli tax pos It was in front of these that Mr Peter Taaffe, editor of *Mili*tant since it was founded in 1964, positioned himself.

He was born in Birkenhead. Merseyside, during the Sec-ond World War, and is married with two daughters. He was expelled from the Labour Party in 1982.

In practice he is the Militant movement's general secretary. He speaks passionately against the poll tax. "The Labour movement should be putting itself at the head of this campaign and help organize the mass resis-tance and cause the Government to retreat," he said.

"We support most of the laws in Britain when they are against crime but there are occasions when laws are included which are against the interests of the majority."

#### Van death driver is jailed

A drink-driver who caused the death of the daughter of Paul Henry, an actor in the Crossroads TV series, was yesterday iailed for 18 months.

Alan Ward, aged 24, of Quinton, Birmingham, drank six pints of beer before crashing his van on the way to a party, killing Justine Smith, aged 18, who was a passenger, last March, Birmingham Crown Court was told.

Ward, a painter and decorator, who was also banned from driving for five years, admitted causing death by reckless driving.

#### Train accident

A man was stable in hospital last night after losing both legs beneath the knees when he was hit by a train. Mr Andrew Madeley, aged 27, of Crewe, Cheshire, crawled 20ft along the track near the town and flagged down another train.

#### **Kitted out**

New taxi drivers in Bradford, West Yorkshire, will have to take a first aid course as a condition of their licence and carry a first aid kit.

Parent seekers A record 599 adopted Scottish children sought help in finding their natural parents last year.

#### Prison escape

Seven prisoners have escaped from Norwich Prison, Norfolk, after friends on the

#### outside cut a perimeter fence. £1.5m winner

A retired policeman from Cumbria has won a record £1,515,589.05p for a 45p stake on Littlewoods pools.

## Hunt to face public anger with Tory counter-attack

By Nicholas Wood Political Correspondent

A government minister will today brave public anger over the poll tax in the Mid-Staffordshire by-election.

Mr David Hunt, the Minister of State for Local Government, will spend an hour on the streets of the constituency in a bold attempt to persuade electors of the merits of the community charge the central issue in the

His intervention will take place against a background of violent anti-poll tax demon-



chestrated by militants.

be present when Mr Hunt and Mr Charles Prior, the Tory



Mrs Sylvia Heal, the Labour by-election candidate, with Mr John Smith, shadow chancellor, at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday.

## Stone. With a new opinion poll giving Labour an eight-

1987 General election: J Heddle (C), 28,644; C St Hill (Lab) (C), 28,644; C St Hill (Lab) 13,990; T Jones (L/All), 13,114; C mai: 14.654.

across the country and allegations that some of the demonstrations are being or-

Extra police are expected to strations in council chambers candidate, begin canvassing in

able to the poor. Tory insiders expect him to "score some points" and promise that the so far relatively sedate campaign will be enlivened by some "raw politics". Yesterday, spokesmen for the two main parties con-demned the violence that had

> tions and led to arrests and injuries. Mr John Smith, Labour's chief Treasury spokesman, said that while there was genuine popular revulsion against the poll tax, violent demonstrations did not help

marred town hall demonstra-

the fight against it. He detected the hand of the Socialist Workers' Party.

Mr John Wakeham, the Secretary of State for Energy, blamed the ugly scenes on a "rent-a-mob" during a visit to the constituency.

He told reporters: "I think it is a very disturbing and disagrecable sign, particularly when these people who, I am told, are left-wing Militant Tendency people, go from place to place and cause this sort of trouble and

#### **Guinness trial**

#### Accountant 'not told of fees'

By Paul Wilkinson

A Guinness accountant who processed payments worth millions of pounds in secret success fees said yesterday that she would not have done so had she known what they

Mrs Helen McLoughlin told Southwark Crown Court in south London that the invoices she handled were for consultancy services. The trial has been told the money was payment to supporters who helped Guinness to win its takeover battle with the supermarket chain Argyll for controi of the Distillers group in

Mrs McLoughlin said consultancy services were by their have done?" nature confidential and she

wake of regulations published

by the Government yesterday.

The National Curriculum

will require all children aged 5

to 16 to be taught technology,

covering domestic science to

computers, woodwork to fine

Many schools will have to

appoint heads of department

to run the new course which

will ask children to design and

art as one course.

Mills, QC, for the prosecution, company and he should not asked: "If you had known get payments like this." such services had not been provided what would you have done?"

Mrs McLoughlin: "I would not have paid them." s to a Jersey company, Marketing and Acquistion

American lawyer, Mr Thomas takeover. Mrs McLoughlin said she did not know Mr financier. Ward was connected to MAC. Mrs Mills asked: "If you had known this payment was

going to him what would you

Mrs McLoughlin: "I would invoices. knew she would not be given have had nothing to do with it. further details. Mrs Barbara He was a director of the today.

Technocrats start at age five

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Children aged five will be MacGregor, Secretary of State builds successfully on that for

nology — involve essential skills for pupils in the modern

"If we are to meet the needs

of the economy and of in-

dividuals over the coming

decades, we must apply scien-

tific and other knowledge in

The Government also pub-

lished the English lessons for

pupils aged eight to 16 which

imaginative ways."

Ernest Saunders.

Guinness's former chairman and chief executive, and three other City figures have denied or have paid them."

24 counts alleging theft, fraud and breaches of the Comnies Act during the takeover bid. Appearing with Mr Saun-Consultants, controlled by an ders are Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron Ward, who was a director of International group, Anthony Guinness at the time of the Parnes, a stockbroker, and Jack Lyons, the millionaire

Cross-examined by Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, counsel for Mr Ronson, Mrs McLoughlin agreed that she had no reason to query the

The hearing continues

infant pupils which has been

The compulsory English les-

sons, being taught to those

aged five to seven will apply

to pupils aged eight to 13 from

this September, and those

aged 14 to 16 from September 1992. Technology will be com-

pulsory for children aged five

to 13 from this September

and for those aged 14 to 16

English in the National Curricu-lum (No 2) (£5.95 with ringbinder, contents only £3.10); Technology in the Nat-ional Curriculum (£5.95; Sta-

from September 1993.

in place since last year."

#### **Britain to** get Honda **Euro-base**

From Kevin Eason Motoring Correspondent Geneva

Honda is to establish a European headquarters in Britain and order a 30 per cent increase in production of its cars from the Rover group.

The headquarters, at Reading, Berkshire, will be the Japanese company's centre of operations for the European Community, handling all sales and distribution networks and co-ordinating production fac-ilities in Britain, Belgium, Italy and Spain. It will create 100 jobs after it opens in April. Rover is already due to build 30,000 Concerto cars this year for Honda, which has a 20 per cent stake in its

British collaborative partner. Mr Osamu Ida, president of Honda Europe, said that he expected output to be raised to 40,000 next year, enhancing Rover's reputation. The Concerto is the Japanese sister of Rover's successful 200 series and built alongside it at Longbridge, Birmingham.

Honda is also due to start production of 100,000 cars annually in 1992 at Swindon, where it produces engines for Concerto and Rover 216 cars.

Honda disclosed its plans yesterday at the Geneva Motor Show, at which the dispute over whether to limit sales of Japanese cars in Europe

The French Peugeot-Citroën group reiterated demands that present quotas be kept for at least 10 years and that British-produced Japanese cars be included. Britain fears that would slow the pace of Japanese investment.

#### Examination appeal

#### Foecke 'a top mathematician'

told a tribunal yesterday.

Professor John Ashford, Dean of Science at Exeter University, said Mr Foecke had the "arrogance of a great mathematician". The scholar, author of 150

books on statistics, told the appeal hearing that he was or someone with ability. convinced that Mr Foecke. aged 32, was capable of achieving top marks. Mr Foecke, an American,

has spent four years and £100,000 in an attempt to 50 PhD students and I would clear his name and regain the say that Francis was in the top honours degree. Bristol University dons withheld the degree and heart and say he was a first-

accused him of cheating, class student and, I think, terclaiming his answers con- ribly determined to succeed

allegedly cheated in the Mr Foecke of Clifton, Bristol. day in his final year.

Yesterday, Professor Ashford, aged 60, told the tri- had been shamed into bunal, held at Senate House in Bristol: "When you are look- student who wrote to him ing to see if someone has cheated you need to know if

Foecke and knowing him personally, I would say he is a first class mathematician. "I have worked with about

"From working with Mr

ten per cent. "I can put my hand on my

Mr Francis Foecke, denied an tained too many similarities after doing relatively badly in honours degree because he to model solutions. However, his first and second years." He added that Mr Foecke examinations, was a first class said he gained his record 13 had been "exceedingly sysstudent, a leading statistician passes by working 18 hours a tematic" in his revision for the examinations

Professor Ashford said he supporting Mr Foecke by a about the case. Professor Ashford said he

would never have let Dr John Ryan, who set the model solutions Mr Foecke is alleged to have copied, set examination questions as he was "100 inexperienced".

However, the university could not be criticized for its measures to ensure against cheating, or for the approach it had adopted once examiners believed cheating had taken

The hearing continues.

# Humberside lives on, commission says

side cannot agree on what should replace

sell anything from a car park insist on the teaching of to a checkout system for a grammar. Mr MacGregor

supermarket. Mr John said: "The English curriculum

taught how to run their own for Education and Science,

companies in lessons about to said: "The two components of

be introduced in schools in technology - design and tech-England and Wales in the nology and information tech-

world.

By David Walker Public Administration Correspondent

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England has rejected an attempt by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the former environment secretary, to abolish the county of

Just before last year's county council election, Mr Ridley directed the commission to rethink an earlier recommendation that Humberside, a controversial creation of the 1974 local vernment reorganization, should stav. He instructed it to examine outright abolition, paying special attention to local loyalties and sense of identity.

Yesterday, however, after extensive consultation including (for the commission) the unprecedented use of opinion polls, the commission announced that its "Interim opinion" was that Humberside should live on.

It said the reason was not because the county was loved by its inhabitants. On the contrary, a majority was found to The trouble was the people of Humberit. When asked for their favoured alternatives, inhabitants divided between joining the adjacent counties of North Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, creating new counties of East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire or some mixture of the new and the old. The commission is giving

Humbersiders six weeks to respond to its latest statement, before making final recommendations. The present Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Chris Patten, seems likely to rubber-stamp the commission's conclu In its statement yesterday the com-

nission said no one had proved that Humberside, where the Labour Party has a majority of council seats, was anything other than "a suitable framework for effective and convenient local governemnt"; most residents were satisfied with services. People did, however, still feel strong

pulls of loyalty to the counties that predated the 1974 reorganization. The problem now is that such entities as the East Riding of Yorkshire could not be recreated without a comprehensive

redrawing of the local government map, probably upsetting people in other areas.

In their consultations, the part of Humberside laying to the north of the Humber emerged as something of an orohan. Lincolnshire County Council wants to see south Humberside become part of Lincolnshire. However, North Yorkshire does not want north Humberside, which by itself would probably be too small to make a viable county.

The study of local opinion, carried out for the commission by RSGB Ltd, found that 57 per cent of north bankers favoured a new county of East Yorkshire against 34 per cent who wanted Humberside to continue.

The commission wondered whether the county council might solve some of its identity problems if it changed its name, but to what? "To call the whole area 'East Yorkshire' would alienate those on the south bank more than the name 'Humberside'. The name 'Humberside' is important in describing the whole estnarial area, especially in the persuit of economic development. The commission does not wish to make any recommenda tions on this issue."





# Please help the children of Ceausescu. Freatm

In crib after crib lie babies and toddlers who look like old people, their skin shrivelled, their skeletal faces bearing the unmistakable mark of approaching death. These pitiful children at a clinic in Bucharest are AIDS patients, the tiniest victims of the brutal, backward regime of Romania's fallen dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu.

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This is just one aspect of the gruesome legacy of Ceausescu's years of misrule.

Contraception, abortion and sex education were outlawed in Romania in a desperate attempt to boost the workforce.

and live in conditions of appalling squalor. Most pitiful of all among these tragic children are those under the age of six who number around 14,000 spread throughout sixty-four orphanages.

(It is estimated that one in four of these children is dying of AIDS.)

There is simply not enough food available to feed any of the children adequately and most suffer from severe malnutrition.

Standards of hygiene are pathetically low due to a lack of proper equipment and facilities.

There is a chronic shortage of staff. By day, there are just four or five nurses for every 100 children and only one doctor and one psychiatrist for every 150-200 children in the orphanages. By night, there are even fewer staff on duty.



It resulted in thousands of unwanted children, abandoned by parents who could see no way of supporting them in a country where food of any description was already dreadfully scarce.

Vast numbers of the children now crammed into Romania's 205 orphanages are the survivors of back street operations.

Many are severely handicapped

Even the most basic essentials such as nappies and plastic sheeting are non-existent, so the children soil the rags they are dressed in and the mattresses of their cots are rotting.

The stench throughout these institutions is overpowering.

Dysentry is common and many of the children suffer from chronic bowel disorders.

Often they are left lying un-

attended in their own excrement.

The most severe cases are kept
naked because naked bodies are
easier to clean.

#### How you can help right now.

The Romanian Orphanage Trust was set up by Mary Gibson, a Dorset grandmother, who was so appalled by what she witnessed on a visit to a Romanian orphanage that she vowed to raise £10,000,000 to help ease the suffering and put an end to the misery.

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# Over one million in queue By Libby Jukes Mrs Heather Smokcum, aged 56, has been writing for more than two years for a routine "surgical decompression" operation on her right shoulder, injured five years ago in a gardening accident. The control of the present than the pears ago in a gardening accident. for treatment in hospitals

More than a million people anne Rigge, the college's direction per cent of the 33,000 patients waited for an operation.

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The college's Guide to Hospital Waiting Lists 1990 had waited that long shows enormous variations Similarly, in East throughout the United Kingdom in the size of waiting in separate specialties and the

It urges patients to shop around before the implementation of the National Health Service reforms next April, while general prac-titioners are still free to refer patients anywhere in the NHS.

m a visit to Of the 876,800 patients on the waiting lists in England at March 31 last year, 26 per cent of inpatients and 18 per cent of day cases had been waiting for more than a year.

A further 92,169 people are waiting in Scotland, 45,385 in Wales and nearly 26,000 in total to 1.09 million.

cases and self-deferred cases outpatient admissions. In district for treatment. spite of a series of government initiatives to reduce waiting lists, there was an overall increase of 3.8 per cent for in- of teaching hospitals, which patients and 14.7 for day cases in the year to last March.

The system is inherently hernia repair, a cataract or for more than a year.

In Leeds West, for example, been waiting for more than a 46 per cent of patients for ear, year, according to a report by nose and throat operations the College of Health pubhad waited for more than a year. However, in neighbouring Leeds East, no patient

> Similarly, in Eastbourne, East Sussex, 40 per cent of people needing cataract operations had been waiting for more than 12 months, while in

ment for more than a year. couple who had spent their A league table for districts is £4,000 life savings for the ment for more than a year. more difficult as some have husband to have a hip replacelong waiting lists, with shorter ment, were contemplating waiting times. The college has selling their house to pay for a also provided figures on the second operation. The surnotional time to clear the list if geon said he would do it next no new patients were added.

week "if you pay privately". For example, Hillingdon In a third example, a 39year-old who had a massive health authority, in the North West Thames region, has heart attack and had been 3,045 patients waiting for waiting for 18 months for an Brighton none had waited that plastic surgery, of which 92 angiogram was told by consullong. Going private to beat per cent have waited for more tants that it would be at least another 18 months before

anything could be done because of health service cuts.

plastic surgery. Nearly 60 per

cent of all patients on the list

for plastic surgery after burns

or congenital deformity, for example, wait for over a year.

The Government last night

maintained that it had made

"stremuous efforts" to reduce

the time patients waited for treatment. "We have invested

£119 million over four years

in the waiting list fund, which

has enabled hundreds of thou-

sands of extra patients to be treated," a Department of

Guide to Hospital Waiting Lists 1990 (College of Health, 18 Victoria Park Square, London E2 9PF, £7.50 inc p&p).

Health spokesman said.

Where patients wait longest

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Croyden West Lambeth Bristol/Weston Salabury Huli North Herts Cidham West Essex Brentavod East Cumbris	419 872 2,296 969 1515 1,415 1,661 2,332 2,363 1,262	98 72 52 51 51 48 45 45 44 42	Hillingdon Hempsteed Camberwell Rochdele Herefordshire West Lambeth South Lines East Berks Notts Tower Hamlets	61 2,152 1,453	92 89 88 85 82 81 79 72 70	found that the operation could be done within three weeks. The specialty with the big- gest number of patients wait- ing is general surgery, with 142,202 patients waiting in England alone, followed by orthopaedics with 131,505.

Northern Ireland, bringing the waiting lists is not the only answer, according to the The figures include day guide. In many cases, people ases and self-deferred cases could be treated as quickly if but exclude those waiting for they travelled outside their

> The highest waiting lists still tend to be in London, partly because of the concentration receive tertiary referrals from throughout the country.

Top of the list is North East unfair because it remains a Thames regional health aumatter of geographical ac-cident whether a patient who are waiting for treatment and Rigge said.

In one case, a young mecha-

than a year. The list would take 128 weeks to clear.

In nearby Hampstead, however, only 346 patients are waiting for plastic surgery. However, 89 per cent of these patients have been waiting for more than a year and the list would take over four years, or 214 weeks, to clear. "We continue to regard it as

unacceptable that any patient should have to wait more than a year to go into hospital for an operation they need," Miss

nic who had a trapped nerve prostrate operation will be The shortest lists are in the in his hand was unable to treated promptly," Miss Mari- Mersey region, where only 16 work for three years while he Years of pain and dashed hope

2,000 patients in the Bath district health authority waiting for orthopaedic surgery. There are 1,500 more on the general surgical list, although a grant of £194,000 from the Department of Health should enable operations on 830 of them, who have been waiting for more than a year.

Last month, 189 doctors in the Bath district signed a letter to Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health. expressing concern at a decline in standards of patient care as a result of ward closures and difficulties with hospital admissions over the

The college telephoned a For months, Mrs Smokeum was treated with steroid injec-tions and manipulation until visiting a consultant at the The specialty with the biggest number of patients waiting is general surgery, with 142,202 patients waiting in England alone, followed by orthopaedics with 131,505. Royal United Hospital in Bath for an unrelated complaint in February 1986, Mrs Smokcum mentioned that she still suffered persistent and The longest waits are in

> hospital for an orthop operation on March 16 1987. but sent home again at the last minute when tests for diabetes

"They had hammered my chest to test my lungs and even painted the arrows on my arm, but could not operate until the condition was regulated," Mrs Smokeam said. "But I expected to be recalled within a Six months later, she was

still waiting to hear from the



Mrs Smokcum resting her injured shoulder at home yesterday after taking painkillers. delayed anyway because her 1990. Although Mrs she was too late. Mrs husband had become ill with Smokcam was visiting relatives in Weston-super-Mare up her job as a sales assistant him until his death in Novemat the time, she managed to in a clothes shop two years ago ber 1988, and in February 1989 she was offered a place on the stand-by list with the chance of surgery at two hours'

about 9am on 14 February - hospital rang back to say that she said.

return home seven miles away. because of her injury. She When she telephoned the takes six painkillers a day, hospital she was told to relax and is unable to mow the lawn with a sandwich and a cup of The call finally came at down. Half an hour later, the bath since my husband died,"

# Cuts, falling bed numbers and staff shortage blamed

nurses have all contributed to 1982 to 331,172 in 1987. rising waiting lists, the guide says (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

City and Hackney Health at St Bartholomew's Hospital last year to help to save £2 million and said it would no referrals for some specialties.

Department of Health fig- £12 million overspend. ures published last October beds fell by 6 per cent in just over a year and by 21 per cent since 1977, while the number. of in-patient cases grew by 24 per cent to 6,600,000 in the

same period. However, in 1987/88, the ear that included severe cutbacks, the numbers treated fell to their lowest since 1983 and 16 per cent fewer day cases

Cuts in health services all increase in the number of past six years have failed to because of financial difficulties, falling bed numbers pital nursing staff, excluding impact, although some local and shortages of doctors and midwives, fell from 1332,111 in schemes have been successful.

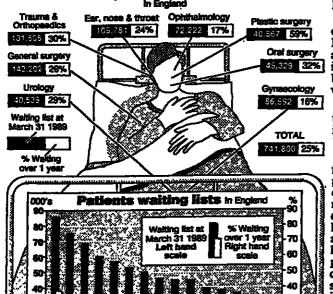
That was partly due to the impact of a reduction in school leavers.

bated by authorities freezing posts so that they can stay within budget. Greater Glaslonger accept out-of-district gow health board has had to cut recruitment because of a

> At the Royal Preston Hosber of nursing posts was cut from the equivalent of 820 full-time jobs to 777, closing 24 beds. The college's guide also points to the inefficient use of operating theatres as a cause of rising waiting lists.

The guide says it is vital that patients are informed if an operation is cancelled. Government initiatives to

were seen. In spite of an over- bring down waiting lists in the Patients waiting lists by specialty



The Department of Health first launched a waiting list fund of £25 million in 1986 when 660,000 people were However, staffing diffi- awaiting operations. That led Authority closed 75 acute beds culties have now been exacer to 144,000 extra cases being treated in 1987/88.

The next year a further 110,000 patients were treated with £30 million from the waiting list fund; this year the fund has risen by £2 million.

Mr John Yates, from the Health Services Management Centre in Birmingham, was asked by the Government to intervene in the 22 districts with the worst waiting lists. His team picked 43 specialty lists, with over 500 people waiting over a year.

Since December 1988, inpatient lists in those districts have fallen by 11 per cent, while the number of long-wait patients has fallen by 16 per cent in the districts and by 26 per cent in the 43 specialty

However, in four of the districts - Lewisham, West Lambeth, Great Yarmouth and Shropshire - waiting lists increased. Mr Yates has now been asked to look at the 100worst specialties.

Other government initiatives to tackle waiting lists include the appointment of 100 new consultant posts.

The guide suggests several further improvements: more patients should be admitted on the day of their operation rather than the day before, except for those travelling long distances; some patients are still staying in hospital too long and blocking beds; more patients could be seen as day cases, and patients and GPs should be given more information about waiting

Patients should be told if they will have to wait years for treatment - for example, for varicose veins or plastic surgery - so that if they wish they can start saving to have their

# 2,500 patients must be shed

By Jill Sherman and Libby Jukes

to treat 2,500 fewer patients this year, a move likely to lead to soaring waiting lists, in an attempt to save £1.5 million. Doctors at St Mary's Hos-

A London teaching hospital is

pital, Paddington, have been told that they treated more patients than they could afford last year and will have to ent down this year.

One option is to close the bospital to all but emergency cases for six weeks this summer and two weeks at Christtrus. Another alternative is to refuse routine referrals from Other district health authorities.

Parkside health authority, now trying to save £4.6 million by April 1991, is also proposing hig staff cuts to raise a further £1.5 million. Miss that surgical beds are often Barbara Yosug, Parkside dis- occupied by emergency pa-

that compulsory redundancies should be avoided because of high vacancy levels.

Surgeons at St Mary's said yesterday that both moves would lead to thousands of extra patients on hospital weiting lists.

Mr Jonethen Johnson, an orthopaedic surgeon, said that the shortage of beds was already so critical that he had difficulty getting in enough patients to fill the 15 hours

theatre time he is allocated. The Queen Elizabeth the Oneen Mother surgical unit where he works was originally designed for 56 patients. Now

it has only 35 beds. But the closure of the hospital's admissions ward means

trict general manager, said tients. "I ask the patients to telephone the bospital the night before they are due to come in to check that there is a bed for them," Mr Johnson

"About 50 per cent have to be turned away at that stage. If we had a day-care centre, I could clear 25 per cent of the unit's waiting list of 700 cases virtually at a stroke."

Over a thousand people are now waiting for trauma and orthopaedic operations in the district and one in eight have been waiting over a year for treatment. Mr Johnson's team treats

four patients a week, although they have enough theatre time for between six and 10. "We are worried that we will

just have to stop performing

elective surgery," he said.

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# Kohl seeks to sell his timetable for unity

He is expecting tough questioning from both audiences, but confident that the process towards unity is under way. The first meeting of the two Germanies takes place in West Berlin tomorrow to prepare for their first joint session. with the four Second World War allies in Bonn next

The Chancellor is sure that this "two plus four" meeting will inevitably lead to "one

Yesterday, he rejected the latest suggestion from Herr Hans Modrow, the East Ger-

Brussels (Renter) - Nato has cancelled a communications exercise on March 22 to 28 because of the elections in East Germany, which the exercise scenario had deseated as a springboard for a Warsaw Pact attack.

man Prime Minister for the next 10 days, to agree to a quick joint treaty guaranteeing Poland's western frontier.

Herr Kohl largely blamed Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his Foreign Minister, for caus-ing all the trouble on the question. He said that he would not agree to a joint treaty until there was an elected East German government after March 18.

Herr Modrow, back in East Berlin from seeing President Gorbachov in Moscow, at least had the comfort of being given a standing ovation by the Volkskammer, holding its

last session before the poll. He reported that the Soviet Union was ready to give all the help it could to the freely elected government, that reborder was essential, and that Moscow was opposed categorically to a united Germany being a member of Nato. He public opinion is still heavily

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West was clearly upset at his treat-German Chancellor, spells out ment by Herr Kohl and he his timetable for reunification criticized the Chancellor for today to the Bonn Parliament and his Nato allies.

He is expecting tough to the Bonn Parliament tough tough to the Bonn Parliament unhappy about moves towards economic unity.

Despite the Chancellor's promises, there had still been no detailed proposals on monetary union, he said. The process would take time and he urged people to leave their money in their savings accounts and wait.

Meanwhile, the West German opposition Social Democrats (SPD) have decided that they want a referendum of all the German people to be held to decide on the basis of reunification.

Unlike the Chancellor, the SPD wants a united country to have a new joint constitution, approved by the people, rather than a nationwide extension of the present West German Basic Law While the Chancellor will

tell Nato that a united Ger-many will remain a loyal member of the alliance, the Social Democrats are now pressing for the creation of a new European peace order, in which both Nato and the Warsaw Pact are dissolved and a new Enropean security system established, incorporating the United States, the Soviet Union and Canada.

Paradoxically, support for the Chancellor's ideas and his Christian Democrats (CDU) is growing in East Germany, while it is perceptibly shrinking in West Germany, where the SPD is becoming more popular while its huge, early support in East Germany is being eroded.

This switch in support appears to be due largely in West Germany to fear of higher taxation and social problems cognition of the present Polish as a result of reunification, along with a growing feeling that Nato is obsolete. Although West German



United front: Herr Kohl, right, the West German Chancellor, and Herr Genscher, his Foreign Minister, joking at a Cabinet meeting in Bonn yesterday.

there is mounting concern about the economic consequences and, after the Chancellor's stand on the Polish his leadership.

Kohl's urgency for unity which is attracting voters, who see reunification as the quickest way to the kind of prosper-

The SPD, which is seeking to slow down the process - a new constitution will take some time to negotiate - is also suffering in the East visitors come from the Fed-

Germans from emigrating

This very point, however. is winning it backing in the West, where the huge number of refugees is already causing problems. The SPD is also speaking

out increasingly against what it sees as an Anschluss of East Germany rather than a dignified merger. President Gorbachov also emphasized this in a he said. television interview broadcast in both Germanies on Tuesday evening. "I see how many

themselves in the internal affairs of the DDR already, as if it were no longer a sovereign state," he said.

He repeated that a united Germany could never be a member of Nato and that the Polish border had to be properly recognized by treaty. "Lack of clarity on so funbelong to any serious policy,"

Herr Kohl strongly attacks Herr Modrow in an interview published today by Bild for says now." delaying the introduction of a Soviet approval: Soviet

"an economically unfriendly trade union law and for trying to keep "the notorious Stasi (secret police) under a new соптрапу пате

The fact that 110,000 East Germans had fled to the West in eight weeks showed how little the people trusted the authorities in their country, Modrow's time in office will belong to the past. I don't find it so important, what Modrow

are fading fast, according to a poll which shows that almost two thirds of Soviet citizens

approve of reunification (Daniel Treisman writes). The poll, commissioned by BBC Newsnight and The Guardian and conducted by the Institute of Sociology of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, showed damental a question does not herr Kohl says. "In 10 days a clear majority in favour of a belong to any serious policy," the DDR will vote. Then united Germany in each of the four Russian cities of Moscow, Leningrad, Gorky, and Irkutsk, as well as in Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, and Tallinn,

proud to support their own variation of Marxism. The 1,000 delegates gathered yesterday encompass bourgeois champagne Marx ists, some diebard Statinists and a group of old anti-Fascists. The Communist Party leader, Signor Achille Occhetto, has won about two thirds of the party over to its relaunch. But the remaining third is deeply hostile.

and confusion.

For a party whose vote at general elections has fallen from about 35 per cent in 1976 to barely 26 per cent today this diehard rump could easily break the party as a credible force in Italian politics should there be a split. Signor Occhetto's support

flagship drifts off course

From Richard Bassett

The most turbulent, and prob-

ably the last congress of the

Italian Communist Party

opened yesterday in Bologna

with calls for the Communist

to follow the developments in

Eastern Europe, lock away

their hammers and sickles

and convert themselves into

But while the communist

parties of Eastern Europe have

managed to dress themselves

neatly in new clothing in a matter of weeks, even days, the Italian party is set to find

the transformation painful lengthy and destructive.

pean communism, proud of its history of independence

and respectability, has found

the wind of perestroika blowing from Moscow less liberat-

ing than one might have

imagined. Instead of becom-

ing the perfect vehicle for

espousing President Gos

bachov's reforms, it has col-

lapsed into petty bickering

Only a country as remote from the reality of com-munism as Italy could possess

a credible Communist Party

with so many factions all

The flagship of West Euro-

something less dated.

ers pleaded eloquently yes-terday for a new party which with a new name could appeal to less traditional Commin voters. "We need women, not workers," one delegate explained yesterday to appliance

Other supporters of the relaunch even demanded that the party be thrown open to Catholics. About 3,000 non-Communist Party members, including even a Jesuit priest, have pledged their support for a new party.

tial expansion of support for a party which at present enjoys nearly one and a half million other centre-left parties.

Yesterday's opening spe ches were directed equally at the "guests" from the Italian Socialist Party.

Yesterday's debates spent some time discussing the ne issue is not whether to have

# Lenin article boosts Gorbachov

The Soviet press yesterday published an official assess-

The article came just three days before the opening of a Communist Party Central

proved by the Politburo, is intended to set the tone for Soviet celebrations of Lenin's 120th anniversary in April, but also has more immediate significance. It maintains that the document says it is time to the anniversary should not be save Lenin, the thinker, from an occasion for pomp and the distortion and simplifica-circumstance but for concention of his many popularizers. trating attention on unsolved

human proportions, its says courage to acknowledge that vices sector, have aroused

The report also asserts boldly for a Soviet document for new concepts of socialism, - that "Leain himself would rejecting ... simplistic de-Committee session that is have found it absurd if statepresent day as the final test of

Refuting both those who say Lenin has nothing to teach the Soviet Union today and those who seek a Lenin quotation to explain every development, tion of his many popularizers.

It also suggests parallels between Lenin's time and the In a bid to reduce Lenin to present. Lenin, it says, had the

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his views on the present age the policies of ultra-cen-"should not, of course, be tralized "war communism" ment of Lenin which describes him as a pragmatic reformer who was prepared to change who was prepared to change course radically if circumser account of social developments around the globe".

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> matically applied to the course and Mr Gorbachov's lost on Soviet readers - nor will the personal comparison between Mr Gorbachov, the reformer, and Lenin who. according to the document. formulated a definition of socialism as a "social structure made up of civilized members of a co-operative".

> > "Co-operative" ventures, of Mr Gorbachov's pioneering attempts to revive the consumer goods and ser-

iet citizens because their high prices are widely (though of-ten unjustifiably) believed to

ist-Leninists to a man, very little room for manoeuvre. likely to nominate President ments he had made about The comparison between • LONDON: Five of the six Gorbachov to fill the newly specific situations were auto- Lenin's abrupt change of preconditions set by Britain reform programme will not be attend a human-rights conference in Moscow in 1991 have not yet been met, a British human-rights group said yesterday (Andrew Mc-Ewen writes).

> described by the organizers as an "Emineut Persons Group" visited Moscow two weeks ago and found that the only condition fulfilled was the granting of freedom to monitor human rights.

#### Andreotti stresses need for American troops to stay From Susan Ellicott, Washington Signor Giulio Andreotti, the future would be "ever ready to World War allies, would be Prime Minister of Italy, told collaborate in a spirit of true accommodated in inter-

called for continued US military presence in Europe.

Nato and stressed that a trans-Atlantic alliance was more Soviet Union and Eastern Europe undergo radical democratic reforms.

building a Europe that is open to the world, not a Fortress Europe as some mistakenly fear," Signor Andreotti, aged 70, told the joint session of Congress in a 25-minute speech in Italian.

... as a guarantee of stability bers such as The Netherlands. and balance".

the United States Congress -Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the crucial than ever before as the Polish Solidarity movement, and Mr Vaclay Havel, the playwright President of Czechoslovakia – but he re-We want to continue ceived several bursts of applause during his address.

Signor Andreotti, who was re-elected last year to a sixth term in office, won an assur-ance on Tuesday from Presi-

warfare with the Solidarity

underground, he decided that

and, therefore, the whole

structure of power had to be changed. Moscow let him

proceed with round-table

talks. That took a kind of

Even so the general cannot shed the martial law stigma.

For the young, he is a man of

battlefield courage.

the US Congress yesterday he partnership with the United wanted a new Europe to forge States, whose military prescioser links with the US and ence in Europe must remain Italy, with other Nato mem-

Norway and Denmark, had Addressing the concerns of His diminutive stature at expressed concern that they smaller European nations, he the lectern lacked the magalso urged that a unified netic presence of two recent between the US, the Soviet Germany remain firmly in Eastern European visitors to Union Britain and France. Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, addressed their fears on Tuesday during

a meeting at the White House with Signor Andreotti when he agreed to meet all Nato foreign ministers on the issue of German reunification, Signor Andreotti also called

in his speech to Congress for US-European co-operation on a range of issues, including dent Bush that the interests of environmental problems, the peech in Italian.

all Nato members, and not anti-drugs campaign, eduissue is not whe
He said the Europe of the only the four major Second cation and international debt. change but how.

#### Walesa prepares to take on Jaruzelski

# Polish leadership giants line up

presidency of Poland.

ingly out of date.

police) want Solidarity to clear out the communists.

Their posters say: Ceauscu was shot, Honecker and

truth, grown tired in office.

passage into a fully stable democratic system," he told a visitor recently. He has, in

Minister in February 1981, his image was good: a patriot, and a thinking soldier open to controlled reform. Then events skidded out of control and he declared martial law on December 13, 1981.

have been ousted, yet the at the top. And the tension general stays at the top. But for

feasible scenarios for displacing him. The first is that he himself throws in the towel. If he does not, the Sejm, the Polish Parliament, could force his hand by amending the Constitution to make the presidential term equal to that of Parliament - four years instead of six years. There December 13, 1981. would then be parliamentary
He suspended, then outelections and a new President

the communist party could liamentary Group, promises not rule without Solidarity that they will be ready by May That could prompt new parliamentary and presidential elections. Not everybody in Solidarity favours such an acceleration. The economic programme

- a tough anti-inflation package and a risky move from a the ancien regime. All over ceutralized to a market econ-Eastern Europe the old leaders omy — requires some stability

sor Bronislaw Geremek, head

of the Solidarity Par-



Squaring up: President Jaruzelski and Mr Lech Waless may be catapulted into a battle for the leadership.

with Germany also demands strong leadership. President Jaruzelski, with There are a number of

his obvious control of the military, may well be the best man for the time being. Opinion polls show that Poles would like to replace General Jaruzelski either with Mr Walesa or Mr Tadeusz

Mazowiecki, the Prime

Minister. The best bet is Mr Walesa though he insists that he is not contesting. He has been on the lawed Solidarity, and became would be chosen. Constitu- political stage for a decade but tions of late 1989?

Poland is shaping up for the the bogeyman of the nation, tional reforms are being is still only 46 and he has heavyweight battle of the After years of pointless trench drafted at present and Profes- become a mature, if some month Solidarity will stage its, own congress and will choose a new leadership. Mr Walesa will have to decide whether he wants to be the elected chairman of a trade union called! Solidarity, or the leader of the vaguer Solidarity Reform,

If he chooses the latter, then he will be in a position to stand in a presidential race; But does he really want the job? At present the former shipyard electrician enjoys the pleasant arrangement of, power without responsibility. He consults frequently with the Solidarity Government and with the the communists. He lectures generals and policemen, recives foreign politicians almost daily and travels abroad in much the same way as President Havel of Czechoslovakia does.

Yet he is not burdened with the daily clutter that weighs on a head of state. The post of President of Poland is a very Walesa's political skill and his intuitive approach depend on operating outside formal institutions, skating over thin ice swiftly,

The prize fight is not just between the two old bruisers. General Jaruzelski, and his fromer prisoner, Mr Walesa, but also between two concepts of change in Eastern Europe. Should power be shared with the communists even though? they are thoroughly dis-credited and can barely raise an electoral quorum? Or have the arguments of last year, in favour of a stable transition,

been outdated by the revolu-

in favour of remification, because it wants to block East eral Republic who involve new electoral law, introducing fears of a resurgent Germany

issue, there are doubts about In East Germany, it is Herr

ity he personifies.

The publication of the document at this time leaves Mr Gorbachov's critics, Marx-

Nine MPs and others,

Honecker 'smuggled

From Martin Fletcher Washington For nearly 20 years Mr Erich

cocaine'

Honecker, East Germany's disgraced Communist leader, smuggled cocaine to West Germany as part of a Soviet plot to undermine Nato deences, according to a Washington Post report yesterday. Mr Alexander Schalck-Golodkowski, the former East German spymaster who defected last December, has given his western debriefers "a horrifying picture of top-level Soviet conspiracy with Hon-ecker and his regime to weaken West Germany and the US by putting drugs within easy reach of American soldiers", claimed the respected columnists, Mr Rowland Ev-

ans and Mr Robert Novak. Intelligence sources estimated Honecker's personal profit from the trafficking at \$75 million (£46 million). Mr Schalck-Golodkowski also controlled the country's currency operations and in that role he is said to have

masterminded the laundering

of Honecker's drug money.
The reports said that Honecker's regime bought cocaine from Latin America. brought it into East Germany through the Baltic port of Rostock, and transported it by truck to East Berlin. It was then smuggled to East bloc agents in West Germany.

As a secondary source, the

report also quotes from a forthcoming book by Mr Joseph Douglass, a national security consultant to the Bush administration. Called Red Cocaine, it asserts that in 1962 Nikita Khrushchev, then the Soviet leader, "formally extended the Soviet narcotics operation to East European

Nineties: Lech Walesa versus General Jaruzelski for the

In theory General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the architect of martial law and since last year the President of Poland, should remain in power until 1995. But as the revolutions in the rest of Eastern Europe have gathered speed and over taken Poland, the sharing of power between communists and Solidarity looks increas-

Now, young demonstrators (wearing balactavas and in-creasingly violent against the

Zhivkov are behind bars, but Jaruzelski is President. A chant by crowds outside Par-liament is: "No freedom with Jaruzelski." This is the radical fringe. But mainstream Soli-darity figures, such as Mr Wladyslaw Fraysniuk (who used to lead the underground resistance to martial law in Wrocław) say: "We are going to have a new President this year." The general himself has indicated that he might be prepared to step down. "I would like only to ensure the

When he became Prime

#### Mutiny raises questions over role of Moscow as diplomats claim that fighting is continuing

# Coup leader drifts now back in Afghanistan' after escape

By Mary Dejevsky in Moscow and Our Foreign Staff

Tuesday.

In Peshawar, the head-quarters of the Mujahidin

provisional government.

resistance sources and Paki-

stani officials said a Soviet-

made Antonov12 transport

plane carrying several top Afghan military officers had

landed in north-west Pakistan. Three Afghan generals and

four brigadiers were among at

least 12 people on board, the

pro-resistance Afghan Islamic

Representatives of the Af-

ghan Government in Moscow

condemned the abortive coup

as another attempt to thwart

the Afghan peace process, and

Najibullah had either re-

quested or needed Soviet

Soviet officials meanwhile

declined all comment on the

which contrasted with the extensive reporting of the situation in Kabul by the

Afghan Embassy in Moscow blamed foreign intelligenc

services for having supported

particular country but, presented with a choice between

He would not identify any

assistance to crush it.

Soviet news media.

General Shanawaz Tanai, the Afghanistan (PDPA) to that headed by President Najib-ullah. Mr Abdul Baqi Samformer Afghan Defence Minister linked to the failed attempt to overthrow Presiandari, the Afghan Deputy dent Najibullah, was yes-terday reported to be back in Foreign Minister, said that the Government had offered a Afghanistan after flying with his family to Pakistan. General Tanzi, dead or alive.

President Najibullah said He was sacked from his post that General Tanai had fled as Defence Minister soon after the country, as he insisted the the coup attempt began on attempted coup had been crushed after 20 hours of fierce fighting in Kabul.

According to Pakistani of-ficials, at least two Afghan lanes landed in Pakistan with defectors; including some se-nior military officials. General Tanai was said to have escaped by military helicopter. President Najibullah said in

Kabul radio: "According to exact information. Tanai fled to Pakistan carrying a lot of Press said.
US dollars with him." Fight With hundreds killed and were reported to have surrendered to loyalist forces when they captured the heavily fortified Defence Ministry.

broadcast on the official

wounded in the Afghan cap-ital, President Najibullah said his forces controlled all military bases in the country. He added: "I assure you the situation is normal all around the country. The brave Afghan military forces are ready to

repel and neutralize all treach-Mujahidin enerrillas in Pakistan said Afghanistan's important Bagram air base, 50 miles north of Kabul, was still controlled by mutinous

Western diplomatic sources also said that fighting between rival Afghan military factions was continuing in Kabul and two other cities. However, fighting with small arms in the Murataza, counsellor at the capital appeared to be dying

Jets flown by mutinous pilots backing General Tanai came to bomb Kabul but were driven off by anti-aircraft fire, one Western diplomat said.

General Tanai belongs to a the CIA and the KGB, said it rival faction of the ruling was highly unlikely to be the People's Democratic Party of KGB.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Amazon disaster

Lima (AP) - A disabled riverboat loaded with more than

200 people, mostly children, smashed into a cargo ship and sank in the Amazon, Peruvian police said yesterday. One body was recovered and 134 people were missing. The Andresito sank on Tuesday night, 90 minutes after departing from Iquitos, a river port 715 miles north-east of Lima,

police said. It was carrying 209 people, including crew and ssengers, according to dock authorities in Iquitos.

Police said 74 people had been rescued by dawn and the body of a young girl had been recovered. Heavy rain hampered rescue boats and divers searching for survivors

and bodies, they added. Most of the Andresito's passengers

were children, their parents and rural school teachers

returning from Iquitos to Puritoyacu, a jungle village on an Amazon tributary, after school holidays, police said.

Chandigarh (AP) - Sikh extremists killed 19 people and wounded 38 in a rifle and grenade attack at a crowded market in the Indian state of Punjab last night, police said.

At least 10 Sikh gunmen converged on the market street in

Abohar and opened fire, a senior officer said. During the shooting, a grenade exploded in the middle of the market, a

police spokesman added. He said the men were masked and arrived on foot, and "nobody knows how they escaped".

Sikh extremists have killed more than 370 people in the rich

Mugger wins £2.6m

New York—A Harlem man, shot by a policeman while mugging an elderly victim, has been awarded \$4.3 million (£2.6 million) by a jury (Charles Bremner writes). Mr Bernard McCummings, aged 29, and an accomplice were choking and beating the 71-year-old man in a subway station in 1984 when Officer Manuel Rodriguez intervened and shot Mr

McCummings in the back, leaving him a paraplegic. He served a three-year jail sentence and sued the policeman on his release. The New York Transit Authority said the award

Journalist shot dead Ankara - Memories of terrorism which triggered an army coup 10 years ago returned to haunt Turks yesterday after a prominent journalist was shot dead in Istanbul (Rasit Gurdilek writes). Cetin Emec, a leading official of Hurriyet, the largest selling national newspaper, was killed in his car by two gunmen who escaped in a stolen vehicle. He was the second public figure to be killed within five weeks. On January 31, Professor Muammer Aksoy, a leading jurist and a scholar committed to the defence of secularism against

was outrageous, and would appeal against it.

Islamic fundamentalism, was shot at his home.

Israel debate delayed Jerusalem - The Israeli Cabinet yesterday adjourned till Sunday the final showdown between Labour and Likud over US proposals for peace talks with the Palestinians (Richard Owen writes). Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, announced that the Labour Central Committee would

northern farming state this year.

Punjab Sikhs kill 19

134 missing in





resident Najibullah, top, claims to have crushed the revolt. Below left, Mr Guldubbin Hekmatyar, the Mnjahidia leader allegedly backing General Shanawaz Tanai, right. Eight mutineer generals

# Power play could signal Kremlin change of mind

By Anthony Hyman

The fierce fighting during the apparently failed Afghan coup shows the extent of support for the plotters within the Afghan Army and Air Force.

President Najibullah yesterday declared that events during the coup attempt were painful and catastrophic". But perhaps the greatest loss for the Government is the abrupt disappearance of its hard-earned image as the fighting cruelly exposed the fragility of its hold on power as well as the tensions in its power base, the armed forces.

The ruling People's Democratic Party was increasingly seen as a small but determined group which had staying power against the chaotic and seriously disunited Mujahidin resistance. The survival of the regime since the Soviet withdrawal almost 13 months ago was partly thanks to enormous Soviet military aid and financial underpinning. But more than anything else, it was because of the performance and apparent loyalty of the

General Shawnawaz Tanai, aged 39, the Defence Minister, had a long-standing rivalry with Dr Najibullah in spite of his rapid promotion.

The acute vulnerability of

seriously in question. Plotting 300 army officers were coups has become almost a arrested, although most were way of life for ambitious young Afghan officers since 1973, when King Zahir Shah

senior figures in the Afghan Army and Air Force took part as junior officers in the 1973

arrests and other measures. In these security successes, the role of KGB and WAD, its Afghan equivalent, was always crucial.

One of the urgent questions now facing Dr Najibullah, a former director of the secret police, is whether WAD agents were this time collaborating with the plotters. The secret police is arguably the key élite force at the disposal of the regime, with 60,000 troops and agents, motivated and well trained compared with most units of the conscript-based army.

Kabul, mainly of military officers. Dr Najibullah declared on Tuesday that they would be put on trial this week. At the time of the Soviet warned and soon released.

This latest attempted coup is likely to worsen relations was deposed. Most of the between Moscow and Kabul, because of the likelihood of Soviet forewarning of - or even approval for it. Given the Afghan armed forces' close This is only the latest in a links with Moscow, it is series of coup attempts against difficult to imagine that Genthe present regime. Earlier eral Tanai and his associates ones were prevented by quick had not made clear their arrests and other measures. In intentions beforehand to KGB officers and Soviet embassy officials in Kabul.

It cannot be ruled out that the toppling of the Afghan President at this time might be convenient for Moscow. Without changes at the top, there seems little chance of reaching a peace settlement and political stability in Afghanistan.

The Khalqi (masses) faction of the People's Democratic Party, which General Tanai represents, has long been at In December, 1989, more After the Saur Revolution in than 100 arrests were made in April 1978, when Afghan communists came to power, Democratic Party unity lasted less than two months, with Khalqis taking over the regime until the Soviet invasion withdrawal in February and at the end of 1979.

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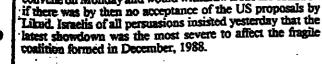
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convene on Monday and would withdraw from the coalition

Oil fouls Bondi beach Sydney (AFP) - Bondi beach was closed yesterday after a three-mile oil spill had left stinking black sludge along its white sands. Nearby Tamarama and Bronte beaches were also closed after the 550-yards wide slick was driven ashore by strong winds on Tuesday night. It was hoped to reopen Bondi and Bronte beaches today and Tamarama tomorrow.

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Rafsanjani raises hopes for Beirut hostages release

tion of an early release."

optimism only involves

American hostages. Although

President Rafsanjani men-

the release of the British

captives, his assessment

Since the current wave of

have been no signals from

Tehran or Beirut regarding Mr Terry Waite, Mr John Mc-

Carthy, Mr Jack Mann or Mr

"My feeling is that the issue

President Rafsanjani of Iran, ian leader was quoted as saying by IRNA, Iran's official in a statement that increased hopes for the release of Westnews agency. He refrained ern hostages held in Lebanon, from making any reference to yesterday said he was con- a timetable though the Tehran fident that they will be freed. Times, the newspaper which But there was no sign in Beirut reflects his views, has sugthat this would happen soon. gested twice that at least some of the 17 hostages could be A Lebanese source with access to information regard-

freed this year. ing the crisis said yesterday:
"Yes, there is some movewords came amid fresh ment, but not a single indica-Iranian officials were trying to contact representatives of the Furthermore, it appears that the current atmosphere of kidnappers.

A Shia Muslim militia source said Iranian envoys wanted to "set up a mechationed Britain's efforts to win nism for dialogue with all the parties involved" but warned that the entire process will seemed to be exclusively fo-cused on the Americans. take time, "perhaps weeks, perhaps months".

Another source within the promising reports on the hos-tages began last month, there "Party of God" which is believed to know, if not control, the jailers of the foreigners, dismissed rumours about an "imminent" release

Terry Anderson, the American journalist and the longest held hostage, could be freed on March 16, the fifth anniversary of his abduction.

President Rafsanjani's announcement at a news conference in Tehran crowned a President Rafsanjani's strong indications that Iran is more than ever willing to help speculation in Beirut that solve the crisis. Western analysts believe that Tehran, which has been sending positive signals on the hostages since February 22, is eager to mend relations with the West to reconstruct the country after eight years of war with

> ian Muslim group holding two Americans captive in Lebanon yesterday ruled out any hostages (Reuter reports).

"We will continue to rub America's nose with our feet. There is not a single tendency for the release of hostages the Revolutionary Justice
The source, a clergyman Organization said in a statewith direct access to the ment sent to Beirut's indepen-

#### support "a confessed Zionist spy", a reference to a "confession" that Mr Bazoft made to his

Mr Bazoft was arrested last August during a trip to Iraq to cover local elections. He is known to have investigated an explosion at

# No qualms for the sole woman at remote Falklands base



#### Views and food are both tops

By Michael Evans, Mount Kent, Falkland Islands

the most isolated of Britain's military outposts, Mount Kent in the Falkland Islands, is Flight Lieutenant Joanne Beck, aged 28 and single, who is in charge of one of the watch-keeping teams that monitor radar information in the operations centre.

"Mount Kent is a good unit but four months (the normal Falklands tour of duty) is enough. Eight thousand miles is a long way from home," she says. Home for her is at Bellingham, Northumberland. She joined the RAF five years ago and has no qualms about sharing a mountain perch with

The outpost, perched 1,500ft up on top of Mount Kent is bitterly cold and often endures gale-force conditions which recently lifted a Gurkha bodily into the air. The small RAF radar unit, monitoring the skies for Argentine raiders, looks down on some of the famous battlegrounds of the 1982 Falklands War. Port Stanley is in the distance.

The view from Flight Lieutenant Beck's bedroom is of a rockface but others, like

he one woman at probably Sergeant Tom Sangwin, the senior NCO, enjoy a spectacular outlook. He wakes up every morning with a view that takes in Estancia Mountain, a rather bleak treeless valley, and Berkley Sound,

> When the wind is gusting at 80-90 mph and the thick bands of low cloud blanket out the view, the 42 men and Flight Lieutenant Beck of 303 Signals Unit and the four male civilians who share the base with them feel as cut off from the rest of the world as it is possible to get. But no one is

> The reasons are difficult for a casual visitor to understand, especially when he has had to ascend the mountain in a Volvo BV 206 tracked, allterrain military vehicle which has no respect for comfort as it grinds its way at 10mph up the often fearsomely steep and slippery peat track carved out between the rocks and boulders. It takes at least half an hour to reach the top.

> During the conflict, a small group of SAS men, equipped powerful binoculars, stayed hidden in a cave just

below the top of Mount Kent, they have each formed a closewhere a strong Argentine unit was dug in, and radioed messages to British HQ on movements in Port Stanley.

The Volvo driver said: "This may not be the top of the world but it seems like it."

The spot is called SAS Point.

Today Mount Kent is one of three mountain-top radar sites in the Falklands - the others are on Mount Byron and count themselves lucky. First, first prize in a recent charity gymna

knit "family", everyone knowing each other, as they do

Second, these isolated sites are considered a far better alternative to the huge, putpose-built Mount Plea garrison, 30 miles out of Port tanley, which accommodates about 1,000 soldiers and airmen, kept apart by a "buffer" block of officers and sergeants.

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cuses on the Marconi Type 97 digitalized radar which has a range of about 260 nautical miles, covering most of the distance from Mount Kent to the nearest Argentine airfield at Tierra del Fuego. Althou there are two solf ball-shaned camouflaxed radar domes at the site, only one is now used. Also the food is better. The The other is to be turned into a

#### Iraq-Syria row colours Bazoft trial

The fate of Farzad Bazoft, the Observer reporter who is due to go on trial in Baghdad today accused of spying for Israel, has become the subject of a dispute between Iraq and Syria over which two rival wings of the Socialist Arab Renaissance (Baath) Party rule.

In Baghdad yesterday the daily Al Baath, a mouthpiece of President Saddam Hussein's Government, accused President Assad of Syria of ordering his "propaganda organs to adopt Bazoft's cause". The newspaper said it

Iraqi experts said the propaganda war raises fears of a stiffening of any sentence if he is

Iraq's ballistic missile research complex, south of Baghdad, which killed about 700 people.

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# Threat to 'homelands' as violence spreads

As the foundations of apartsweeping South Africa's nom-

swana, where seven people dreds wounded in clashes with

President Lucas Mangope sclared a state of emergency in four districts.

A similar clampdown was imposed in Ciskei this week, after South African troops and police intervened to protect government buildings and key installations from mobs.

As in Ciskei, where an army officer who staged a coup last weekend is calling for reintegration in South Africa, the demonstrators in Bophuthatswana were demanding an end to their illusory independence.

The violence flared after an estimated 50,000 people converged on a magistrate's court in Garankuwa township, near Pretoria, to demand the immediate resignation of Mr Mangope. He has resisted calls for reintigration, saying the patchwork of seven separate tracts of land which constitute his "nation" would remain independent "for the next

hundred years". Within minutes of Bophuthatswana security forces ar-

riving on the scene, pitched heid crumble, violent unrest is battles broke out and spread throughout the township. As inally independent tribal police helicopters circled the homelands and threatening area, a huge pall of smoke the imminent collapse of the spiralled from burning govunpopular bantustan system.

Rioting spread yesterday from Ciskei to Bophuthat-

Homes and businesses bewere reported killed and hun- longing to suspected "collaborators" of the Mangope territorial security forces firing administration were also atlive ammunition and tear gas tacked. At the height of the from armoured vehicles. clashes, a hospital superintendent said that his staff were treating up to 100 casual-

> Bisho (AP) — The Military Council which took charge in Ciskei on Sunday said a council of state had assur presidential and parliament-

ary powers. The National Assembly and the Executive Council had been dissolved. ties an hour. Relative calm

was reported in the afternoon. but the situation remained tense. Similar rioting in Ciskei this week left at least 27 people dead and almost 300 injured. Protest marches have also been taking place in Venda, another of the four homelands adorned with the paraphernalia of soveriegnty.

Ominously for its President, Mr Frank Ravele, policemen have joined strikes by civil servants and teachers.

The unrest is spreading to black townships within South
Africa, notably Katlehong on
the East Rand and Khutsong

least 28 people were injured in police fired shotguns to disperse thousands of resid electricity tariffs. Secret war: A former Sou

in the western Transvasl, At

African security policeman has described how he and his war against the African National Congress by kidnapping, assaulting and murdering suspathizers of the organization. Almond Nofomela was tes-

into the alleged involvement of covert police and military units in 71 unsolved murders. of political activists.

His account, first made in affidavits late last year, precipitated the "death squad" scandal which has led to demands in Parliament for the resignation of General Magnus Malan, the Defence Minister.

Nofomela said his first terget was Mr Griffiths Mxenge, a civil rights lawyer, who was hacked to death outside s sports stadium near Durban in November, 1981. The officer commanding the operation was Captain Dirk Coetzee, who has since fled the country and joined the ANC

In Nofomela's next mission, a suspected ANC member was abducted from Soweto, severely assaulted,

#### Long-suffering New York calls in its 'worst cabby'

From Charles Bremner, New York

York. On no subject do New Yorkers shower more unprintable language than on what passes for their taxi service. But the authorities have nominated Mr Vehbi Gunduz and are taking steps to revoke

Mr Gunduz, aged 34, has notched up an unusually rich tally of transgressions, even by the standards of local taxi driving. According to the Taxi and Limousine Commission whose initials denote Tender Loving Care to all non-New Yorkers), Mr Gunduz has been the subject of 88 separate summonses over the past five

ears and been convicted of

breaking TLC rules 119 times. The infractions range from over-charging and reckless driving, to verbally abusing passengers and expelling them from his cab. His typical misdemeanours, said the FLC, include charging \$15 (£9) for conveyance between adjacent terminals at Kennedy airport and throwing the suitcases of unwelcome fares

The driver, conceded Mr with a brief to get tough. Stone, is "an individual who Under his draconian new apparently has many, many problems", but at least "he has never attacked a member of That defence is accurate.



Mr Gunduz: Signalled out from city's 30,000 taximen.

says the TLC, because when Mr Gunduz threatened mur-

Mr Gunduz has fallen foul m to the road.

Mr Gunduz has fallen foul ing knowledge of Arabic, HaiMr Gunduz has, however, a of a crackdown ordered by Mr tian or Russian is required to champion, in the shape of Mr Jack Lusk, a former driver, get to a chosen destination.

It takes some doing to earn the Michael Stone, his lawyer, who has taken over the TLC title, among 30,000 cabbies, of The driver, conceded Mr with a brief to get tough the worst taxi driver in New Stone, is "an individual who Under his draconian new rules, a cabbie may now lose his licence if he is convicted three times of using violence or harassing his passengers. It took Mr Gunduz just three days to rack up the requisite

> The driver appears today before the "taxi court", an overworked institution which metes out frontier justice to wayward drivers at a pace of about 400 cases a day. Among recent cases that exceeded even the hair-raising norm, one Pakistani driver indignantly justified his assault on a woman passenger. In his country, he said, women are not allowed to speak disrespectfully to men".

Clashes of culture are at the root of the trouble. The majormigrants from Third World countries, many of whom have little grasp of English and almost no knowledge of New York. For instance, among the der recently it was against the city's licensed drivers there person of an airport taxi are 3,000 named Singh and 37. Amarjit Singhs, Often a work-



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# US accuses Libyans of poison gas production

chemical weapons and called for "vigorous" international efforts to force Colonel Gadaffi to back down.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, Presisaid evidence showed that chemical weapons were being produced at a plant in the Libyan desert near Rabta, about 60 miles south of

"We are very seriously con-cerned about this develop-ment Rabta is dangerous, and becoming more so," he said. "We have expressed our seri-ous concern to various

Removal date

Boss - All chemical weapons Boan — All chemical weapons will be removed from West Germany by the end of the year. Hear Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Defence Minister, amounced here yesterday (Ian Murray writes). About 400 tonness of VX and Saria nerve gas will be shipped out by the United States in ultra-safe outsiners for storage at a pecial dump on Johnston stand in the central Pacific. American agreement to remove the weapons comes as a huge relief to Bonn, which has been widely criticized for allowing them to remain.

governments. The international community should step up its efforts to deny Libya the ability to continue operating the plant."

Asked what other steps the US might take to halt the plant's operation, Mr Fitz-water said that nothing was ruled out. He repeated that answer when asked about the possibility of military action. In 1986 President Reagan ordered the bombing of Trip-oli in reprisal for alleged Libyan terrorist acts.

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yesterday that Libya has setured at the Rabta plant and cretly resumed production of that the plant is now moving

dent Bush's Press Secretary, outcry when it first learned of and Colonel Gadaffi was forced to suspend its operations, although he insisted that its purpose was to make

restarted.

The DIA believes it might have produced some 30 tons of mustard gas and possibly a small amount of the nerve gas Sarin, and that another newlycompleted building is for putting the gas into containers which can be put inside

The West German Bundestag's foreign affairs and economics committees have

the West German Greens party, said the plant was believed to have produced enough poison to arm 1,000

Libya has reportedly intensified its efforts to buy the chemicals required for poison gas manufacture on the world market, and Mr Fitzwater called for co-ordinated international action to prevent such purchases and to force Colonel Gadaffi to close the plant down.

The Bush Administration has led efforts to achieve a global ban on chemical

The White House statement an unnamed "official source" was based on an assessment at the Libyan foreign ministry by the US Defence Intellihad "disclaimed" ABC regence Agency (DIA), under-ports on chemical weapons

# Gadaffi dismisses

and free health care — but it was not quite what Colonel Gadaffi had in mind.

no escape from death and taxes. I don't believe the

Colonel Gadaffi, proclaimed the infallible leader by the legislators earlier this week, criticized corruption and pepotism in the administration. He warned them: "You won't get to paradise the way you are going ... if we carry on like this, we will be

Two secretaries (ministers)

colonized again."

"This is not what the people cent to 15 per cent.

in Zouara province for suggesting the Government both abolish and maintain stamp duty. "You may well laugh. It is farcical," he said.

resigned on Tuesday after for free health and education dismissing the demands as led to a heated constitutional unrealistic. The colonel took debate because in theory the the administration's side and congress cannot amend the attacked those who for- decisions of local assemblies.

# The White House announced nerve gas have been manufac-

towards full-scale production. West Germany has corroborated the allegation. The Reagan Administration whipped up an international the plant's existence in 1988,

The plant, built with the help of the West Germans and other West European nations, lay dormant for a year, but in late 1989 American intelli gence received reports that production of mustard gas had

expressed concern. Herr Reinhard Kraemer, of

Libya yesterday denied the allegations. Jana, the Libyan news agency, said in a dis-patch monitored in Rome that stood to say that small production in the "Rabta quantitities of mustard gas and medicine factory".

# tax cut demands

By Our Foreign Staff

The people of Libya gave their mulated the views of the local parliament a touch of glasnost assemblies, known as Basic - a demand for lower taxes People's Congresses, into resolutions.

said. It's inconceivable that After the General People's they should show such ig-Congress, which formulates norance ... these are the policy based on the views of words of certain people," he local assemblies, raised the said Local assemblies had issues the colonel responded: proposed that the income tax "As the Americans say, there's rate for the highest bracket be cut from more than 60 per

Libyan people don't under-stand these things, for them to say there shouldn't be taxes."

"So you're all rich, are you?
Thank God, there's no one poor. Otherwise you would be saying 'Raise the taxes, raise the duties'. I can't believe people said such ridiculous things," Colonel Gadaffi said.

He mocked the assemblies

The dispute over demands

#### Iran nuclear power

Nicesia (Renter) - The Soviet Union has agreed to build two nuclear power plants in Iran, the Iranian news agency, Iran, quoted Mr. Mohsen Nourbakhsh, the Finance Minister, as saying. Mr Nourbakhsh said the agreement was included in a wide-ranging protocol signed on Tuesday which also covered natural gas exports to the Soviet Union, building of dams, other power stations and agricultural and engineering projects.

#### Aquino attack Bride price

involvement in a coup attempt, has blamed President Aquino's Government for rising prices, devalued currency, energy and water shortages, and widespread corruption.

#### Fish protest

Madrid - Fishermen from north-western Spain arrived in Algerias to reinforce a blockade of southern ports by more than 150 vessels demanding action against Morocco's "arbitrary" inter-pretation of its 1988 fisheries treaty with the EC.

#### Drugs charge

Jakarra (AP) - Prosecutors in central indonesia are seeking a 15-year prison term and a 5 million rapiah (£1,600) fine for Christine Heung, aged 25, a British subject, on a charge. of importing 2.6 lb of marijuana into Indonesia.

Manila (Reuter) - Mr Juan Kuwait (Reuter) - The Gov Ponce Enrile, the Philippines ernment is offering £2,000 opposition leader accused of cash grants and £4,000 in cheap loans to Kuwaiti courting couples who marry - to bring the non-Kuwaiti population below 50 per cent by the усат 2000.

#### Pilot strike

Paris (Reuter) - Striking airline pilots have grounded twothirds of Air France's medium-range flights and domestic traffic.

#### Algeria poll Algiers (AP) - More than 20 parties will contest Algeria's

**Keeping pace** Sen Francisco (AP) - Skippy a once-lethargic, seven-yearold red kangaroo at the San Francisco Zoo, now has a heart that doctors hope keeps her hopping with the help of a £5,000 donated pacemaker.

first multi-party elections on

# Fuel barge blazes after New York blast



The Cibro Savannan constraints of more than four million gallons of heating oil, burning fiercely in New York harbour after it exploded and half while moosed at a etroleum facility off Linden, New

injuring the two people on board. The cause of the explosion on Tuesday, which could be heard several miles away, was not immediately known (Reuter reports). Coast Guard of-

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was only slight leakage of fuel into the es said. Oil spills in New York

waterway at least twice since January. PHILADELPHIA: A Philadelphia derground train was derailed in a

#### **Zimbabwe** throws Rhodes off the streets

From Jan Reath

The Zimbabwean Cabinet committee on place names, eight years after being appointed to look into the relics of colonial history hanging brazenly from the lamp-posts, has finally delivered.

Yesterday hundreds of workers in Harare and nine other municipalities were unscrewing street signs from 150 main roads and replacing them with new ones.

Cecil Rhodes has had his name removed from main highways of six municipalities, replaced variously by the heroes of nearly 100 years of black resistance against white rule, including Mbuya Nehanda, hanged by the British in 1897 for leading a revolt against the white settlers, and Jason Moyo, the guerrilla leader killed by a Rhodesian

bomb in Botswana in 1977.

Mr Enos Chikowore, the
Minister of Local Government, said that the changes had been made to "eliminate all offensive and objectionable colonial names and to honour our fallen heroes"

Included in the apparently "offensive" category are Dr David Livingstone and Sir Winston Churchill President Mugabe now has his name gracing the street signs in eight

#### An explanation of Ford's new finance rate on Escort and Orion.

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# I am truly sorry, Browne tells MPs Councils (should

A full apology from Mr John Browne (Winchester, C) was heard in silence by MPs at the start of a debate on member's interests and the criticism by the colors of Mr by the select committee of Mr Browne's fallure fully to declare his

of the debate on a motion to suspend him for 20 days and made a "sincere apology", though he denied any deliberate wrongdoing, he also denied that he had had any deliberate intention to mislead the klouse. He said that he was traly sorry for the misery be had brought to his

Mr Browne said that considerable him to discuss the report previously, but he had resisted them. He had also rejected the option to make an earlier debate. In coming to a judgement, he asked that the House of Commons should put out of its mind the press, radio and television coverage which had been seasationalized and untrue in the light of the findings.

"I recognize that same a light

in the light of the findings.

"I recognize that seven or eight years ago I failed to register properly all my interests. Since I was first elected, I have tried always to apply all the rules of the House as I understood them, and properly to declare my interests", he said, adding: "Whenever I have spoken in debate I have sought to declare my relevant interests." It have an occasions referenced from

"I have on occasions refrained from voting, as with the Barckeys Bank Bill, when I felt that there was a potential conflict with a financial potential confli-interest I have.

He then turned to the two com-plaints on which the committee had recommended further action. First, the matter of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency. Some eight years ago his company Falcon, in which he had declared an interest as wasen he had declared as interest as a director, had a contract with a Saudi agency that required no parliamentary lobbying of any kind.

"I did not declare as interest because the work did not involve Parliament in any way. There is no terrated ability of the contract of the contra

arliament in any way. There is no eneral obligation to disclose the ame of clients." Having already declared an in-terest in his company it had not occured to him that rule 13 (7) applied to sums received in the commercial

"The committee also determined that I had not declared the client relationship with the Saudi Agency because of a question I asked of the Prime Minister in 1982. "I could not pessibly have known that I would be called to ask the question. It was only a supplementary question. The committee accepts that I was not asked to put a question. The committee also accepts the question made no difference to my fee."

He had asked the question, the answer of which was predictable, because, like most other MPs, he wanted to encourage inward investment into the UK. "I accept the

had accepted this uncertainty in recommending that rale 13 (7) should be clarified.

"I naturally accept entirely the committee's interpretation and I apologize for falling to disclose that interest.

"The committee also determined that I had not declared the cliest relationship with the Saudi Agency because of a question I asked of the Prime Minister in 1982.

He (Mr Browne) was seeking only to back British companies that were facing intense foreign competition. "I had no financial interest in doing so

His company, Falcon, had an agreement with Selco East, through which Falcon was paid £200 a mouth for some nine months for general advice work and banking introduc-tions. "It did not involve any par-liamentary lobbying." After looking relationship between Mr Chidine and Seleo East was so close, that the consultancy agreement with his conconsultancy agreement with his com-pany should have been declared in the

"I accept the committee's judge-ment concerning this and I apologize. My failure to disclose these interests was due to misunderstanding of the rules which no one can fairly say are

Indeed, a motion was before the louse inviting the select committee to easider a further definition of out-

"I had no financial reason for failing to declare these interests and never intended to mislead the House. I am traity serry for my mistakes and the misery I have caused my family and the embarrassment I have brought to this House and my

# Members 'must be seen to act honourably'

Mr John Browne's acts and omissions did not measure up to his responsibilities, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the transport told MPs when the following the following ministers and officials on their and their clients' behalf, although a payment of £1,600 — out of a proposed retainer to follow the following ministers and officials on their clients' behalf, although a payment of £1,600 a wear was made to House, told MPs when £2,600 a year - was made to moving a motion to suspend the Winchester MP House for 20 days.

Speaking immediately after Mr Browne's statement, Sir Geoffrey said that MPs would have listened with considerable personal sadness and with a deep sense of the seriousness of

It fell to him to undertake the painful but most important debate. He hoped they would be able to use this melancholy occasion positively.

Sir Geoffrey Howe's main motion was that the House should endorse the findings of the Select Committee on Members' Interests in respect of the allegations against Mr Browne, of failure to register an interest, and accordingly to suspend him for 20 sitting days, including suspension of his salary.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) selected all the endments to that motion. The first, by Mr Donald Thompson (Calder Valley, C) would omit the suspension; the second, by Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) would substitute a rep-riment by the Speaker; the third, by Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab), would call on Mr Browne to resign, and the fourth, by Mr Jeffrey Rocker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab), would make the represeive three mouths. suspension three months.

The committee's findings found no substance on five and, on three, recommended that no action be taken. On two, it he would be debarred from the found that Mr Browne was at Chamber but not from the fault and had recommended precincts of the House. Suspen-

It had referred to failure to declare his interest in a payment to an agency of a foreign government. Saudi Arabia, of a little over \$88,000. The committee found that he should have declared both his client

him.
The committee found beyond from the service of the have a client relationship which House for 20 days. tions and conduct as an MP and which should have been de-

clared or registered.

"MPs must not only act honourably. We must be seen to act honourably. We must be, and we must be seen to be,

"Membership of this House is a great privilege. It is a privilege that carries with it great responsibilities.

"One of those is to ensure that any personal financial or other interest is so managed and so disclosed that it never is in conflict, or is perceived to be in conflict, with the fundamental obligations and responsibilities of a member of this House.

"It is, in my opinion, clear that Mr Browne did not succeed in fulfilling that obligation. "Some seem to think that he deliberately concealed his interest. Others more charitably, having heard him today particu-larly, may think it was no more than a misjudgement or an

"Either way, it must in my view be the case that Mr Browne's acts and omissions did not measure up to his responsibilities. He has today acknowledged that judgement and apologized in that respect."

It was true up to a point that, as some said, the penalty was as much on the MP's constituents as on him, but the motion would not prevent Mr Browne from acting for his constituents out-side the Chamber.

Suspension would mean that sion was, by definition, limited in duration and was reasonably

As many as 21 MPs had been suspended in the past 43 years. Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith (Wealden, C), chairman of the Select Committee on Members' tave declared both his client elationship and the foreign Browne's apology, and his ayment.

It also dealt with his failure to findings.



Mr John Browne, MP for Winchester, and his wife, Elaine, on their way to the House of Commons yesterday.

inquire into the personal affairs of a parliamentary colleague, and none of the committee plaints relating to registration

The suspicion of more plaints relating to registration could be extremely damagic enjoyed that task, so I thank my colleagues for their patience and dedication during what turned out to be a protracted inquiry."

"Our deliberations were ex- an MP's conduct. hanstive but worth while because I have no doubt that the deliberations enabled us to produce a unanimous report."

these were House of Commons, not party, matters and the committee had examined the nanner.

in the very least. In 99 per cent gerated and the actions of MPs
The committee had to work of cases they probably would often misunderstood. But it was

and declaration of interests. It could not go on a fishing expedition, nor consider mat-ters more generally, relating to

The Register of Members' Interests was not a gross invasion of privacy nor a challenge to an MP's honour. If an MP obtained a financial benefit, he They had been aware that owed it to his colleagues, the public, the minister or govern-ment department to disclose what his interests were.

They might not influence him

"It is not a pleasant duty to within the clearly defined and not, but it was good sense and the time to look afresh at the

The suspicion of motives could be extremely damaging to the House, its reputation and its members. The register in its present form had served the Commons well.

continued to increase, but there was a suspicion in some quarters that they were using their position as MPs as a base to build business interests and that these interests were sometimes concealed by bland entries in the

He believed this was exag-gerated and the actions of MPs

scope of the register.

The select committee warmly welcomed the opportunity to do so. The committee thought it would be right first to complete its assessment on the implications of lobbying, but that should not take too long.

Dr John Cunningham, shadow Leader of the House, said that in many respects he most the misery that Mr Browne must be misery that Mr Browne must be feeling. Speaking in a personal capacity, he said there was no question of Mr Browne's being brought before a court. There was no question of his having done anything unlawful.

intervened to say Mr Browne had been treated as if he were an accused, but unable to crossexamine, produce witnesses in

his favour or discover what other papers were considered. Dr Cunningham said that he was perfectly prepared to accept that it might have been just that Mr Browne's judgement about his obligations was wrong.

He (Dr Cunningham) was pleased that no motion to expel Mr Browne had been put down; he certainly would not have voted for it. "It would not have been commensurate with the nature of the problem, and that kind of judgement is for the electors of his constituency, not

The rules were not operous for MPs. They were a minmal requirement, and probably past

being ready for review. As Mr Browne had been found to be in clear breach of the rules, and this was a serious matter, it would render the whole business of the register inoperable, if not a laughing stock outside the House, if MPs were simply to take note of the report and to leave the matter there. The public would not understand that.

"So I think the right course of so I think the right course of action, speaking personally, would be to support the motion to exclude Mr Browne from the House for a period of time."

He also supported the motion calling on the select committee to review these matters. Standards and requirements in local government were already well ahead of the requirements

placed upon MPs. He was pleased that the House was considering this matter in a mood of some magnanimity. "There is nothing worse than a sanctimonious mob on occasions like this."

It must have taken great courage for Mr Browne to apologize unequivocally and fulsomely in the terms that he had. He had accepted the doubt, would accept the de-

cision of the House. Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey Thompson's amendment.

He said that Mr Browne had been pilloried unmercifully and unjustifiably in the national here was no question of his aving done anything unlawful.

Mr Neil Hamilton (Tation, C)

had suffered enough.

# 'should confess

Socialist-led local authorities, which gave so much support to the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, should acknowledge the error of their ways
and perhaps return the money to their ratepayers, Mr Tim Sainsbury, Under Sec-retary of State for Foreign Affairs, said at questions.

President Ortega should that he had accepted the election result, he added, and the remaining socialist countries of Central America and Cuba should now hold free and fair elections.

Mr Gerald Kapfinan,
chief Opposition spokesman
on foreign affairs, said that
the Government should resume substantial economic and bilateral aid to
Nicersons and manitor Nicaragua, and monitor the progress of the new regime to ensure that the un-rivalled achievements of the Sandinistas in health and ove that the un-

#### Scrutineer 'failed'

The independent scrutineer appointed for the re-cent elections in the Transport and General Work-ers' Union had failed to keep charge of the votes at all times, Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Trade, said during question time in the House of Lords.

Questioned by Lord Wyatt of Weeford (Ind) about action the Government in-tended to take in relation to breaches of the regulations, Lerd Trefgame said that any union member disatisfied with the handling of the election had remedy through the certification officer or the courts.

#### **Economy vote** An Opposition motion

condemning the Government's economic failure was rejected on Tuesday night by 285 votes to 227 — Government majority, 58 and the Government

New peer

Lord Fieldhouse of Gos-pert, formerly Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Defence Staff, was introduced into the House of Lords. His supporters were Lard Lewin and Lord Bramall, both also for-mer defence chiefs.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister.

Food Safety Bill, second Lords (3): London Underground (Safety Measures) Bill, second reading, Pensions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and Civil Aviation Authority (Borrowing Powers) Bill, committee stages. Government Trading Bill, second reading.

#### House of Fraser takeover

# Opposition accuses Ridley of abandoning the public interest

"Now we know that the deal was

MPs on both sides expressed grave concern at the decision of Mr Nicholas Ridley to take no further action in the House of Fraser takeover case.

The Opposition spokesman referred to fraud on a grand scale and accused Mr Ridley of abandoning the public interest, expressing surprise that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry had made only a brief statement about the 750-page

Mr Ridley, explaining his three main responsibilities, said that first he had to decide whether to publish ne nau to occase whether to publish the report. That he had now done, as soon as possible after he had been informed by the prosecution authorities that they had withdrawn their objections to publication.

"Second, I had to consider whether to apply to the court to disqualify any director under Section 8 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act, 1986. I have concluded that it would not be in the

Third, I also have responsibility for decisions on whether to refer mergers to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. That respon-sibility was fully discharged by my predecessor (Lord Young of Confliction) Graffham).

'He had six months from July

1988 in which to consider the finding of the inspectors' report and decide whether to refer the matter. He concluded in November 1988 that a reference to the commission would not be appropriate.

The House of Lords held that that was a proper decision. I cannot reopen the decision taken at that ime. We have since taken steps in the Companies Act, 1989, to make it a specific criminal offence for anyone knowingly or recklessly to mislead the competition authorities. "No other matters require action from me. I have passed the report to all those authorities concerned with

reads the report can decide for themselves what they think of the conduct of those involved, enforcement and regulation so that they may considered whether to take action under their various powers." report, a "massive fraud" against this Government? this Government? "Now we know that the deal was Ms Marjorie Mowlam, Opposition spokesman on the City, expressed astonishment that, on an issue of this importance, Mr Ridley had made a statement of under two minutes. They were talking about fraud on a grand scale.
It was extraordinary that the DTI

was taking no action despite the conclusions of the 750-page report that the Fayeds "dishonestly misrepresented their origins, their wealth, business interests and their resources to the Secretary of State, to the Office of Fair Trading, to the

press, to the House of Fraser board and to their advisers." Was Mr Ridley seriously telling MPs that there was to be no action against the Fayeds themselves, the supporting cast, the bankers in-volved, the solicitors? Was no action to be taken against anyone who was engaged in the perpetration of, according to the

cleared by the then Secretary of State in only 10 days when the allegations, now found to be true, were known to him and were made with considerable vigour at the time. What is the explanation?" Why was there no acknowledgment in Mr Ridley's statement of the final responsibility that his department must carry for clearing this

The Secretary of State had clearly abandonned the public interest, not just by his failure to act, but by the manner of his doing so in his Mr Ridley said that any question of criminal prosecution was a matter for the Attorney General, who had decided that no prosecution should

As for the other people she had mentioned, the report had been sent to the Law Society and to the Bank of England. Those were the regu-

take any action." Mr Paul Channen (Southend West, C), a former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, asked why Mr Ridley had come to the conclusion that it would be unwise to use his powers of disqualification? How would disqualification work in this case if those criticized in the report

were now disqualified?

Mr Ridley said that under the Company Directors Disqualification Act he could apply to the court for a disqualification order. "I have considered it very carefully and have concluded it would not be in the ublic interest to seek such an order in this case.'

The provisions of the Act were not intended as a punishment but as protection of the public. Sir David Steel (Tweedale, Ettrick and Lauderdale, Lib Dem) said that if Mr Ridley continued to take no action, he was condoning a money-laundering charter that was capable

of being used by any mafia or other international drug operation. Mr Norman Tebbit (Chingford, C), a former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, asked if Mr Ridley could direct MPs to any page of the report in which criticism was made, or culpability alleged, of the Director General of the Office of Fair Trading, whose advice min-isters at DTI took, or ministers at the

Mr Ridley said that nowhere in the report were there any criticisms of the Director General or ministers. Mr Tony Nelson (Chichester, C) asked why was it not a serious fraud to lie about who was taking over

If the criticisms in the report did not provide sufficient justification for action, it must surely make mockery of much of company law. Some divestment was needed, rather than taking people off the board. Mr Ridley should make it hurt where it did burt. Mr Ridley said that the DPP and

the Serious Frand Office were responsible for deciding whether to prosecute and had decided not to do so. "I cannot go beyond my powers in this matter." There were some lessons for some of the authorities, particularly in the City, which he hoped would be

Sir Peter Tapsell (East Lindsey, C) said that the Secretary of State was the regulatory body who con-trolled the behaviour of directors and companies. He was astonished that Mr Ridley was not taking action to disbar the directors of the House \*

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Mr Peter Shere (Bethnal Green and Stepney, Lab) said that MPs did not understand what conceivable matters of public interest prevented Mr Ridge evening bis Mr Ridley exercising his own statu-Mr Ridley said that there were no outside shareholders in the House of Fraser company.

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#### Labour 'cannot be trusted on defence'

The Labour Party's hostility to the renewal of special powers to combat terrorism was sharply attacked by Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, during a late night debate on Tuesday. a late night debate on Inesday.

Before MPs voted by 227
votes to 136 — Government
majority, 91 — for an annual
order to continue the Prevention
of Terrorism (Temporary Provisious) Act, he said that on
matters of defence from without or within the Opposition could

not be trusted.

not be trusted.

The powers, allowing for terrorist suspects to be detained for up to seven days without charge, were described as "unacceptable in a democracy" by Mr. Ray Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs. spokesman on home affairs.

He said that the Government had chosen to go ahead with the policy despite the fact that it involved a clear breach of the casualties would have been greater still."

Certain that without it the work of the security forces in countering terrorism would have been more difficult and less effective and that the appalling toll of essential part of our defence.

murder of 23 members of the security forces. There had been the attack at Deal, in which 11 soldiers had been murdered, and other incidents.

"Irish republican terrorism continues to pose a deadly threat to the armed forces and members of the public alike. The . . . Act forms an essential part of our defeaces against that threat"

He was asking the House to renew the powers to hold terrorist suspects for up to seven days because it was crucial to the operational effectiveness of the police in these difficult cases. "The Act has been in exis-tence for 15 years. We are certain that without it the work

European Convention on riuman Rights.

Opening the delate, Mr
Waddington said that, during
last year, the nation had witnessed 62 further killings in
Northern Ireland, including the

greater still."

"As time goes by, we are more,
not less, resolved, to defeat
terrorism. Any sign that the
determination of the citizens of
the United Kingdom who believe
in the rale of law is weakening



those who respect neither law nor democratic government." For many years, the Oppo-sition had recognized this and had voted each year to renew the

legislation that they had in-troduced. Then, suddenly in 1982, they had changed their minds. In so doing they had lost any claim to be considered Mr Hattersley expressed support for the Government's determination to defeat terror-ism, but said that Mr Wadding-

determination to defeat terrorism, but said that Mr Waddington had not told them how the Act helped in that campaign.

The European Court of Haman Rights had judged that to detain a suspect for up to seven days without charge and without judicial review was in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Notwithstanding that clear breach, the Government had chosen to go ahead with its policy. The judgement of the court was reason enough to vote against the order. So was the power which amounted to internal exile. Exclusion orders

ternal exile. Exclusion orders were inconsistent with the view that Northern Ireland was an integral part of the UK. These were emergency powers. It were strength were intended to be temperary. They were meant to

meet the special emotions and circumstances of the Birming-ham public house bombings. Lest year, 163 men and women were detained under them. Only 19 were prosecuted, and 8 of those for offences not concerned with Northern Irish terrorism. In 144 cases there was not even the evidence to bring a case to court.

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The Act was intended to create the illusion of tough action. It was exemplary and declaratory rather than necessary, and intended to allow the Home Secretary and his lik to make perorations bereft of logic and content. Very often the Act was being used for purposes that could be met wholly by the common and criminal law. common and criminal law. People should not be detained for seven days without charge when the police could not dem-onstrate reasonable grounds for suspicion that they had commit-ted or were about to counsit an offence. The Act was intended to provide that unacceptable power. It was unacceptable for that reason and he would vote

# for lifting of sanctions

An appeal by a Conservative backbencher for the lifting of all sanctions by Britain on South Africa was rebuffed by Mr Deaglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, at question time.

Hereigh MP: "We will main. He told MPs: "We will maintain our policy of encouragement and pressure on the South African Government to bring about an end to apartheid, giving a measured response to progress as it occurs".

The appeal was made by Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C), who went on to ask whether it was government policy to give taxpayers' money to Mr Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress (ANC). He told MPs. "We will main-

ional Congress (ANC).

Many Conservative MPs would find that policy "somewhat repugnant" because the ANC was still in favour of the armed struggle and Mr Mandela still rejected the lifting of sanc-tions which would create the conditions whereby peaceful re-

Mr Hard replied that the

form could take place.

Hurd rejects Tory's appeal

SOUTH AFRICA

Mr
Sec-Government was consulting MPs on whether to set up a public body, outside government, to help support groups or parties in South Africa, and in Eastern Europe, in the move towards democracy.

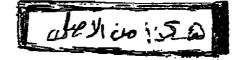
Its emphasis for South Africa was on peaceful directions of the second control of the second co to get that going.
Mr Donald Anderson, an

mr Denald Andersea, an Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, described as one of Mr Hurd's "crosses" the perception among allies and in Africa that the Prime Minister shared the view of Mr Carisle.

With the memory of his troubles at Dublin still firsh, would be not try to persuade her to give a clear undertaking that "we shall not break any more of our legal international obligations in respect of sanctions"?

Mr Hard said that the Prime Minister had already invited Mr Mandela to discuss the whole situation in South Africa with mandela to discuss the whole there. He was encouraged by some of the answers Mr Mandela had given that that might be positive.

"Others have recognized it in words", he added. "We have felt it wise to go further and give some recognition in substance." The Foreign Secretary thought that that approach was abundantly justified.



# Win a store and lose a name

t is not the shortest entry in this year's Who's Who, but it may well be the one with the greatest number of unstated dramas and unanswered questions reverberating behind the curt minimum of disclosure. Yet controversy raises its head even in the four brief lines of the volunteered history of Mohamed Fayed, listed under the name "Mohamed Al-Fayed". The entry claims that he was born in January

But official records in Egypt indicate that he was born four years earlier, according to the monumental 752-page report published yesterday by the Department of Trade and Industry - into the facts surrounding Mr Fayed's acquisition of Harrods in 1985.

What it a tycoon in his prime has been modest about his age? A man is only as old as he feels, and arguably he is as rich as he feels as well. Mr Fayed is in a position to feel rich beyond the wildest dreams of most of us. But the report casts doubt on far more than his date of birth. It gives official endorsement to many of the doubts so insistently circulated in recent months by Mr Tiny Rowland over claims which Mr Fayed and his brothers, Salah and Ali, have made about their origins and their wealth.

A colourful and exotic lifehistory, founded on a series of misleading statements and breathlessly embroidered by glamourring in some corners of Fleet Street, has been torn to tatters, and replaced by a tale less glamorous, less creditable, but at least as colourful. In places it is still deeply obscure, and may for ever remain so.

Whatever private chagrin the owner of Harrods may feel over the report's conclusions, he is not one to rage openly. He is used to facing the world with a smile, which may sometimes become tight, but is seldom in public seen to vanish from his lips. In private, it can be different. The report describes how the mask slipped one day in 1984 when according to Sir Edward du Cann he became another man ... foul-mouthed and vindictive".

The way things have turned out, Mr Fayed can afford to leave rage to Mr Rowland, even though in many ways the report vindicates Mr Rowland, in his passionately tenacious and immensely expensive vendetta against the Fayed brothers over their acquisition of the House of Fraser, which owns Harrods. The inspectors conclude score of ships. The boys had

**MOHAMED FAYED** 

1929: Born Alexandria, eldest of three sons of teacher

1953: Works in Saudi Arabia as employee of Adnan Kashoggi 1954: Marries Kashoggi's sister Samira, one son, Emad ("Dodi") 1958: Formation of first recorded Fayed company in Alexandria 1964: Harbour works in Halti. Absconds with \$100,000, according

1994: Harbour works at Frank. Cooking the name to report 1975: Johns board of Tiny Rowland's Lonrho (now using the name Al-Fayed), leaves next year after disagreement 1979: Buys Hotel Ritz, Paris, marries his Finnish-second wife Heini at about this time (four children) 1985: Fayeds buy majority holding in House of Fraser 1987: Government sets up inquiry into acquisition of House of Fraser

1989: Leaked extracts from inquiry report printed by the Observer

British nannies and Mohamed

was sent to the British-admin-

istered Victoria College in Alexan-

dria, where "he was caned and

stuffed full of crumpets by Ox-

emerged as reporters began\_to

check the record at source. The

report finds that as the truth came

out, the brothers sought to obscure

the facts with threats of legal

action and personal attacks on

he truth is that their

father, Mr Ali Ali Fayed,

was a primary school teacher, living in a poor

quarter of Alexandria in

lane described as "extremely

After leaving the ordinary local

school, the young Mohamed worked as a sewing machine salesman at a salary of less than

£10 Egyptian a month. But he was

soon taken up by Mr Adnan Kashoggi, then based in Alexan-dria but planning to open a furniture import company in

Saudi Arabia. Mohamed was put

in charge, and became, in Mr

Kashoggi's words, "the star of the business". He also married the

In 1957 Mohamed and Mr.

Kashoggi parted company (the marriage did not survive the

business breach). Far from suffer-ing from the upheavals in Egypt in

the Nasser years that followed, as

he claimed, Mohamed was well-

placed to take commercial advan-

tage of them. Later he moved to

Dubai, in the lucrative role of

boss's sister, Samira.

dark and narrow and unpaved".

The alternative biography

bridge-educated masters".

that the brothers could not have mounted such a large bid at the time from their own resources, and that they failed to disclose the true source of the £615m used in the bid, as they should have done under City rules.

If Mr Rowland had not per-sisted in the campaign which has entertained the City for so long, this might never have come out. But this is a fruitless victory for him, since he is left no nearer to his main object, which was to reopen the battle for Harrods that he lost in 1985.

Mohamed, the eldest of the three brothers, is a man of many secrets. He moves inconspicu-ously between the 10 or so homes he owns in five countries, and rigorously avoids publicity. Until he secured control of House of. Fraser, he made little public mark, and probably preferred it that way. As soon as the limelight picked him out, reporters were supplied with a few details, sketching the image of a long-established dynasty of cotton and shipping barons, with international interests capable of generating cash and to spare for the Harrods bid. As pressure for more information continued, the family

dropped more and more hints, filling out the picture and making it more circumstantial, and therefore easier to check. Two wholly incompatible biographics progressively took shape. One was of a dynasty used to hobnobbing with sultans at the Ritz in Paris, with extensive interests in land, industry and luxury hotels, and a

middleman between the sultan and British contractors. Sometime in the 1970s he shed four birthdays and added the

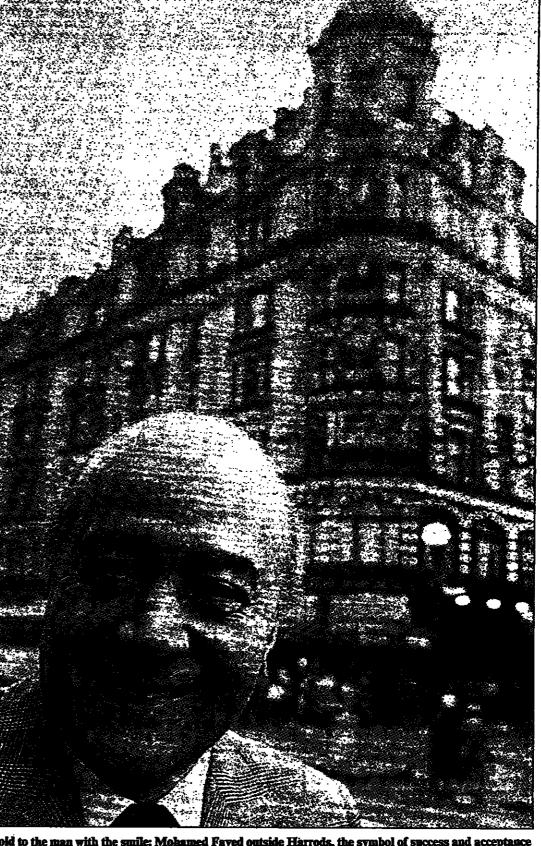
prefix "Al-" to his name. Salah and Ali shed eight years and 10 years respectively at about the same time, but only intermittently adopted the prefix. Mohamed explained to an American court in 1986 that "Al-" was a title denoting the head of the family. In fact, it denotes nothing of the kind. According to one British journalist, the brothers operate as a team: "Mohamed makes the money, Ali manages it, and Salah

Perhaps the most significant contact was made in about 1983, when Mohamed became a negotiator for the Sultan of Brunei. By now, he was a wealthy man by most standards, but the sultan was one of the richest men in the world. The inspectors became convinced that it was through Mohamed's links with him that the Fayeds became able, in 1985, to find the hundreds of millions needed to buy House of Fraser.

Why the Fayeds were so unthrifty in their romancing is a mystery. If suspicions had not been raised by the easily disproved untruths about their early lives, doubts about more recent events might never have gained currency. As a tale of enterprise and opportunism, the true story is far more remarkable than the false one. A reporter who has seen Mohamed at home and speaks highly of his devotion towards his young family, says: "If he had told the truth about his origins frankly from the start, I would have felt it did him all the more credit.

Probably the brothers felt impelled by the outsider's need to impress, and did not appreciate how bright a glare of publicity would fall on them after the Harrods deal. Mr Rowland, was also an outsider, who had suffered from the prejudice of the British as a young man of German origin in the war, and has worn the chip on his shoulder ever since. Both sides must have seen ownership of Harrods as a symbol of success and acceptance.

The greatest irony of all is that it was the distaste of ministers and the Monopolies Commission in 1984 towards the outsider Mr Rowland, with his un-British vehemence and buccaneering tenacity, that sidelined his bid for Harrods, and left the way open to



George Hill Sold to the man with the smile: Mohamed Fayed outside Harrods, the symbol of success and acceptance

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# A flavour of old Russia

It is the wine drinker's dream: top quality vintages made in the Crimea and once destined for the table of the tsar. Saved, surprisingly, by order of teetotaller Joseph Stalin, they were later concealed from Hitler's stormtroopers. Now they are destined for the wine sale of the century, taking place at Sotheby's, in London, on April 2.

. Thirteen thousand bottles, mostly dessert wines, will serve as a poignant curtainraiser to a sale in the same week of a dossier detailing the of his palace. circumstances of the Romanov family's murder.

Red port, the official drink mates of up to £3,000. Lacrema Christi,

described by Molyneux-Berry, Sothcby's wine expert, as "un-believable" to taste, will be offered in similar quantities for £450 to

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All are of Sarah Jane Checkland wines, he said: "They were the original bot-

with the tsar's seal. The over-all estimate is £500,000, but it care taken over their manufaccould go much higher. ture it would be "commer-Why are the Russians sell-cially suicidal" to try to ing? They need the hard produce their equal today. currency. Also, staff at the

currency. Also, staff at the present-day Massandra winnew equipment.

heard about the existence of Golitzin. His grandson, Yuri, the winery 15 years ago, is winemaster today. through a tip-off from a In 1941, apprehensive bureaucrat. Negotiations for a about the advance of the tracted - he endured a prolonged initiation rite during which his hosts took out inferior wines and asked "What do you think of these?"

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together the strange history of the place. Until the last century; the south coast of the Crimea was virtually inaccessible to travellers, being cut off by mountains. Then, in the 1820s, Count Mikhail Worontsov, a governor of the area, constructed a road over the mountains, and built his holiday home there. An estimated 20,000 serfs died bringing thousands of tons of black earth down from the mountains to form the foundations

In the 1890s the tsar, Nicholas II, built Massandra, the imperial vineyard, in the area of the tsar, will be sold in lots and employed Prince of three, offered with esti- Golitzin, the pioneer of Rus-

sian champagne and fortified wines, as It is this palace which is the source of consignment. When Mr

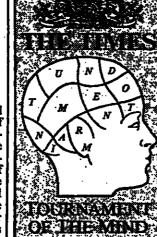
A weekly Sotheby's Molyneux-Berry was art world allowed to sample the superior Golitzin

best I have tles, 60 of them emblazoned ever tasted." He believes that ture it would be "commer-

walled up by the White Rusery want to establish a sians during the revolution, capitalistic price scale for their but found by the communists, products on the world market, who decided to continue and to use the money to buy production. They employed a master named Yegerov, who Mr Molyneux-Berry first had learnt his skills from

sale were difficult and pro- Germans, the staff at Massandra removed thousands of bottles, one by one, to safe places throughout the Soviet Union. The rest was emptied into the sea at Yalta. Then, as the tide of war turned, the entire stock was brought back, and small quantities were consumed at the Yalta talks between Chur-

chill, Rooseveit and Stalin. Mr Molyneux-Berry is mystified why Massandra continues today to produce wine "as though for God", although he suspects it might be fortifying the spirits of some of the 2.5 million Soviet citizens treated every year at the Crimea's sanatoriums.



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• The Collins English Dictionary and the Encyclopaedia Britannica are the only reference works to be used.

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What is the lowest total which can be attained?

8 6 square but never diagonally. You must add the value of each square to your running total as you go, but you 6 cannot collect more than nine numbers on any attempt. 5

Four longer words, which are all the names of birds, can be formed by adding the small words together. You must use all the small words only once. The four long words comprise one 10-letter word, two seven-letter words and one 11-letter word. What are the four longer words?

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At a highly exclusive night club the entrance fee is in full pounds only. The nightly takings were £7,777. More than 12 and less than 100 people attended. How many

tomers were there and what was the entrance fee? 

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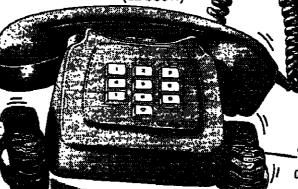
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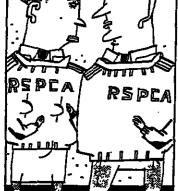
hile unable at this stage to solve the great remaining mystery of British great remaining mystery of British intelligence scandals and name the fifth man, I can shed some new light on that former Times Spanish Civil War correspondent and self-proclaimed KGB general, Kim Philby. After his defection to Moscow in 1963, Philby, according to many accounts, enjoyed high status in his new homeland. He himself liked to spread the story that he was already a KGB colonel at the time of his defection, and was later promoted to general. But the myth will be thoroughly exploded in the book to be published later this year by KGB defector Oleg Gordievsky and Cambridge historian Christopher Andrew, which draws on secret KGB archives. Throughout Philby's life, no foreign agent was allowed any officer rank at all, and Kim died plain Agent Philby. The .KGB took the view that no foreigner was entirely free of suspicion, however good his work and credentials. The denial of the honours he expected was, I gather, a deep

From this week's Tring and Berkhamsted Express: "Greenhouse, 12ft by 8ft. Bargain, 260. Glass missing through storm."

Stanley Orman, the snappiest dresser in the Ministry of Defence and the man in charge of Britain's Star Wars efforts, has received an extraordinary accolade from President Bush after handing in his resigna-tion. Never afraid to promote his belief in the project, the bow-tied Dr Orman often caused alarm among MoD officials who remained sceptical about the anti-missile scheme, But the Americans loved him, Representatives from Washington, including Edward Teller, father of the H-bomb, came to London to fête him over dinner at Brown's Hotel, and presented him with a signed personal letter from the President, thanking him for his contribution.

I hatcherism may be dying on its feet in Britain, but it is alive and well in foreign parts. After their first unsteady steps towards democracy, the Poles have invited Stuart Sexton, adviser to former education secretaries Mark Carlisle and Keith Joseph, to tell them how to prise their schools from the clutches of the state and return them, grant-maintained, to local boards of governors. Sexton recently undertook a similar mission in New Zealand, whose government is if anything more leftwing than Poland's new regime. His proposals, he tells me, were embraced with great enthusiasm, only for them to be sabotaged by the civil servants. Under real Thatcherism, of course, they would not have dared. Or would they?





What terrifies me is a cross betwe a Militant and disenchanted Tory'

we more successful attempts to lay hands on some of my Glengoyne 17year-old single malt whisky with a Budget speech in 100 words or fewer. I liked the entrant who proposed a punitive tax on Nigel Lawson's new salary and signed himself Checker of the Ex-Chancellor, A bottle to Mark Western of London SW12. who also had a swipe at Nigel:

"Car tax replaced by 50 per cent income tax on all persons with Garfields stuck on their cars. Additional 5 per cent income tax on people who have only one person under a golfing umbrella in the City. VAT of 300 per cent on mobile phones. Import duties replaced by tax of £1,000 per imported square inch of Berlin Wall. VAT of 45 per cent on braces with leather trims. Braces worn with striped shirts incur an additional 10 per cent. Income tax reduced to 20 per cent, save for retired Chancellors who shall be taxed at 80 per cent."

And another to Richard Miles of Kingston upon Thames for: "I identify inflation as the main threat. Accordingly I propose: a 20p per litre tax on aerated waters. regardless of benzene content, a tax of 20p per square inch on vehicle tyre pressure effective April 1; balloons to be taxed on their cubic capacity, with a surcharge on hot-air balloons; finally, hot air itself to incur duty in accordance with the new 'verbometer' scales now available in the Vote Office. Briefly, all speeches will be assessed, including those in this House, at party conferences, or in the pulpit. Only sermons on stones will be exempt."

E ffective government requires both the consent of the governed and obedience to the law. What is made law in Parliament must be obeyed if orderly government is not to fall into disrepute. But a government must beware of

asking its parliamentary majority to make laws or to levy taxes which are likely to meet serious resistance. Consultation is necessary to ensure sufficient consent for lawful obedience. Consultation through Par-

liament is provided not simply by the fact that MPs have been elected. They are also the channel through which the government continually learns about public opinion. It has always been so. When the earliest representatives of the Commons were called to Parliament to grant taxation, their function was not only to bind their constituents to the taxes legally levied there, but also to tell the government, from their own knowledge of their constituents, what taxation could and could not be raised in practice.

With the poll tax, it is now a question how far respect for the law will be damaged both by public resistance on grounds of intrinsic unfairness and by general dismay at the illogicalities Ronald Butt on the poll tax warnings that went unheeded

# Tories' rough-shod error

operation of the tax and the cost and complication of collecting it.

The Government has, of course, been warned of the dangers at almost every stage by many of its own MPs, from the right as well as the left of the party. The risks were obvious. Nearly three years ago (June 25, 1987) I pointed to the dangers of levying at a flat rate, regardless of income, what is much more of a general tax than a charge for services received. I also described the ominous circumstances in which the notorious poll tax of 1380 was chosen by Parliament in preference to its other options, a sales tax or the conventional medieval tax on movable goods.

Yet even the medieval flatrate poll tax contained the vague proviso that it was to be levied with "the strong aiding the weak". The trouble was that no means were provided to ensure that the weak were aided, and

districts where the rich were few. When a law is made or a tax is levied which is generally seen as unfair, the ground is made ready for mischief-makers to sow their seeds of disruption. In 1384, the coming local elections. collection of the poll tax pro-

vided a pretext for the renegade priest John Ball and the insurgent Wat Tyler to manipulate a more general peasant unrest into the notorious revolt. It was crushed; Ball was hanged and Tyler killed. Today, the widespread dislike of the poll tax has roused the Militant Tendency and other leftists from the hiding places into which Mr Kinnock had driven them. Again there is

leftist violence on the streets.

They will, of course, not succeed in their organized disruption, and they may embarrass Mr Kinnock more than Mrs Thatcher. But the Government cannot assume that the recoil of decent people from left-wing violence, or the discredit it will

slightest chink in its rejection of the Militants' lawlessness, will provide it with a rescue rope. The real danger is from the Tory voters likely to desert the party in Mid Staffordshire and the

The tax is disliked by some of these Tory dissidents because it has meant increasing the amount paid in provident Tory districts to mitigate the effect of the new tax in improvident districts contrary to the Government's intention of making voters pay for electing spendthrift representatives.

But greater dislike of the poll tax arises from the way it falls harshly on the poorer individual who has to pay equally with the richer for collective spending normally covered by tax according to means. So low earners must pay a new tax and many couples on modest incomes face a combined poll tax much higher

A flat-rate charge for genuine local services, such as street lighting and refuse collection, makes sense. But a flat-rate charge to pay for education or the police is no more rational than a flat-rate charge to pay for the defence of the realm, which is defrayed by tax according to means. The best answer, as I suggested three years ago, is to shift the major items from local to central tax, leaving the local authorities to raise the money

services as refuse collection. This would mean a higher income tax, but this would not matter if local taxation were lower. Indeed, all personal taxation could easily be raised centrally and then allocated outwards, leaving local authorities to be tested at the polls by how well or foolishly they spend

only for such genuinely local

their allocations. Alternatively, the rates (which were linked to rent-value, in which there is no real market) could be replaced by 2 fax on the capital value of property. The worst outcome would be Inbour's roof tax which, by combining a property tax with one on incomes, really could be used to squeeze the rich. It is the Government which has given Labour the pretext for this.

Mistaken though the Government was to persist with a tax which stirs such deep feelings, it is wholly undemocratic for left. wing MPs to advocate non-payment. The Government can now only trust the public's instinct for law and make sure that order is preserved. There is nothing else it can do. It cannot go on tinkering with the poll tax and it cannot retreat from it now It can only hold tight, hope that the really dangerous rebellions that of the deserting Tories, will be deterred by the thought of a Labour government and rethink the details of the tax when it has

been seen in operation. It is unusual for a government to have to pin more and more of its hopes to the idea that the Opposition is unacceptable. But that is the state this one is in for the extraordinary reason that it failed to take consultation and consent seriously enough. It is a mistake no Tory government should make.

# A procrastinator under pressure

The crunch vote in the inner cabinet of Israel's Likud-Labour coalition this Sunday comes as the climax of a complex but important train of events.

When the Likud prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, proposed last May that elections be held in the occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank, he had no idea what he was starting. Elections had previously been suggested by Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour Party's defence minister, but Mr Shamir had brushed the

He then picked it up, hoping that it would be rejected by the Palestine Liberation Organ-ization, which could then be blamed for blocking a peace initiative. That, however, is not at all what happened.

Yasir Arafat, the PLO's chairman, told me in Tunis last summer that elections, not necessarily based specifically on Mr Shamir's formula, might well be acceptable. President Mubarak of Egypt decided to become involved and formulated a 10point plan, based on direct discussions between Israel and the Palestinians, to promote the

James Baker, the US Secretary of State, seeking to build a bridge between the Mubarak olan and the Likud position, put forward five clarifying points. After Likud had declared, with whoops of joy, that the PLO had rejected Mr Baker's points, I was able, at a second meeting with Mr Arafat in October, to obtain a clear statement that, far from being rejected, the American initiative was still being discussed by the PLO. I passed this on to the Americans.

The Labour Party's cabinet ministers tabled the Egyptian proposals for acceptance by the Israeli coalition's 12-man inner cabinet, and although President Mubarak's 10 points were reected by the six Likud ministers, Labour refused to accept that the initiative was doomed. Both Mr Rabin and Mr Peres, who is finance minister and Labour leader, visited Cairo for talks with Mr Mubarak,

Progress was made. Mr Mubarak's greatest concern, as he frankly admitted, was to ensure that Mr Baker continued to be involved. He feared that the American Secretary of State, exasperated with Likud's neg-ative stance, would wash his hands of the issue. That is why Mr Mubarak was so keen that the PLO should not appear to be rejecting progress.

He need not have worried. The Americans became, if anything, more heavily involved. President Bush was at first extremely evasive about seeing Mr Shamir at all, and then gave him a hard time when he visited Washington Mr Baker continued the softening-up process when Moshe Arens, Likud's foreign minister, was there last month. Likud was forced to accept Mr Baker's five points.

Two weeks ago, when I had meetings in Israel with Mr Peres and Mr Rabin among others, it



Gerald Kaufman reports on the growing divisions within Israel's

ruling coalition as Yitzhak

#### Shamir continues to thwart peace talks with the Palestinians

coming to a head.

They agreed that an timatum should be put to Likud: either agree to talks with the Palestinians or face the break-up of the coalition. The crucial issues on which Mr Shamir was stalling were, first, who should be included in the Palestinian delegation, and second, how Israel might agree to engage in talks with the Palestinians without them being publicly nomi-nated by the PLO (to which the Israeli government refuses to

speak directly). The PLO insisted that Palestinian representatives should not simply be selected as apparent Israeli stooges from inside the occupied territories, but should come from Jerusalem (purport-edly annexed by Israel in 1967) and from outside the occupied territories.

Mr Rabin had already agreed with Mr Mubarak that the inclusion of outsiders in the Palestinian delegation should be solved by the addition of Palestinians deported from the occupied territories. Mr Rabin, with characteristic bluntness, emphasized how easy such a solution would be: "I deported them. I can bring them back."

Representatives from Jerusalem could be covered, to use a formulation offered by Mr Peres, by inclusion in the Palestinian

was clear that matters were team of "one or two from Jerusalem who may have addresses elsewhere" (that is, on

the West Bank). As for the potentially thorny sue of how a Palestinian delegation could be acceptable to the PLO yet also allow Mr Shamir to claim that it was not nominated by the PLO, the ingenious answer, offered by Mr Peres and his colleagues, was that Egypt would announce the

n the afternoon of the day I met the Labour leaders, their party bureau agreed to demand a positive response from Likud at an inner cabinet meeting to be held some two weeks from that day, namely yesterday. Once again Mr Shamir tried to

haggle. He rejected the inclusion of residents of Jerusalem, however their participation was, in his eyes, camouflaged. He insisted that talks, once started, should be broken off if it emerged that the PLO was

Now, however, Labour's leaders, the bit between their teeth, refused to be blocked. They wanted a decision. Mr Peres declined to be sidetracked. "The problem", he said to me, "is not. whom we recognize but what we are demanding. We are demanding elections." The absence of

two Likud inner cabinet members at yesterday's meeting de-layed a decision. Sunday will be the key day.

What will happen if Likud refuses to proceed to talks? Mr Rabin stated the choices starkly: either Likud support, or a new government, or new elections. Mr Peres feels that if need be, he could form a government with the support of religious parties. "We have today a clear majority in the Parliament for the continuation of the peace process."

In answer to the question how a "narrow" government (that is, excluding the Likud) could make peace, Abba Eban, the former foreign minister and now a propeace elder statesman, declared at a conference I addressed jointly with him in Jerusalem: Why not? After all, it was a narrow government [excluding Labour] which made war in Lebanon in 1982."

Furthermore, the Likud may be starting to crumble at the edges. Ariel Sharon, the chauvinist trade and industry minister, has resigned from the cabinet declaring that Mr Shamir has already gone too far. Likud's ex-Liberal Party wing is threatening to pull four of its MPs out of the party to form a separate par-liamentary group. Labour, on the other hand, is more cohesive than ever, a shoulder on which a battle-torn Mr Shamir might find it convenient to lean.

Labour's terms are clear. "Labour says yes," says Mr Peres. "We can start and we should not miss the opportunity." Another influential Lab our figure said: "Once the meetings in Cairo start, the process will be irreversible." That may be what womies Mr

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#### **Graham Mather**

# Break with the Budget

obbyists and commentators are already gearing up for the Budget on March 20, their enthusiasm for the annual ritual undiminished by the fact that it may contain few measures of significance.

This year, more than most, there is a case for getting off the Budget treadmill, with its unnecessary churning of the tax system and resulting volu-minous Finance Bill. In the pause the fundamentals of taxation could be rethought.

It would be easier to do without the Budget than might at first appear. The chief legal obstacle is straightforward: income tax requires annual parliamentary approval. But assuming that no dramatic changes to income tax are planned, the proposals could be contained in a Bill of 30 pages at most unlike last year's 250-pages. It should require only a 15-minute speech to introduce; then MPs could get on with other work.

In a year without a Budget, a number of tax matters would be "fail safe". First, tax revenue would be likely to increase because of "fiscal buoyancy" (the process by which, as money GDP rises, tax revenue rises faster). Second, income tax allowances would also be taken care of. Thanks to the Rooker/ Wise amendment, which is now part of Britain's tax law, allowances are themselves indexed to inflation. If inflation rises, and the chancellor does nothing, the Rooker/Wise formula takes effect and increases taxpayers' allowances automatically.

Third, doing nothing simply leaves excise duties as they were. Still more important, the absence of a Budget would remove the opportunity to try to correct the consequences of past weak monetary policy by fiscal adjustment. Central to the philosophy of the Medium Term Financial Strategy has been the attempt to create a predictable policy framework, in which businesses can plan ahead without worries over political attempts to use short-term "fine tuning" techniques. Unlike interest rates, taxation policy has so far been largely immune from resort to fine tuning, but the scale of the problems left over from monetary laxity provides a temptation

to meddle this year. Yet the prime benefit of a year without a Budget would be scope to start reforming Britain's antediluvian systems of implementing public spending and tax policy. The respected Institute for Fiscal Studies has long worked towards a closer integration of spending and taxation decisions, which are still artificially separated. They ought to be combined in a single round of taxing and spending decisions. In addition, Britain still does not publish a Green Paper on Budget measures, which would allow sensible advance discussion of tax reform options.

In the gap provided by a year without a Budget, a reforming chancellor could begin to introduce a modern system which would link public spending decisions to tax policy, not least by to be formally budgeted. He could also show a willing ness to heed the increasi criticism from tax specialists that the annual Finance Bill which still does not separate policy from enforcement and adjustment issues, has become a legislative nightmare of com-

plexity and obscurantism. To quote the barrister who is secretary of the Revenue Bar Association, last year's Finance Bill exhibited "a combination of cackhandedness, bureaucratic mania for rules and totally incompetent supervision of the revenue departments by the Treasury and its political masters". As the Tory backbencher Tim Smith remarked, last year's Finance Bill was too long to allow proper debate. Leading QCs have called the procedure afarce, while the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has complained about the length, complexity and absence of consolidation of any mual tax legislation.

to give these companies to give these compa the serious consideration they deserve unless he is able to bring the Budget system to a temporary halt and allow a full debate on its best redesign. It is not the least of his problems that Inland Revenue and Customs their own judge and jury. The Treasury itself is not equipped. with policy staff to exert effective control on the tax and excise men. Unless and until the Treas: assumes this role, it is 🍎 highly likely that tax law willcontinue to be tilted towards the annual introduction of evermore complex and severe anti-

avoidance provisions. But what of the glamour of the Budget? Some — especially those. with vested interests - will' undoubtedly argue that it is & necessary showcase of economic policy, and an irreplaceable platform for the chancellor toaddress the nation.

Yet the disadvantages, es pecially this year, seem to outnumber those benefits. The platform is obtained at the priceof an increasingly artificial pro-Budget "purdah", in which the chancellor is silenced for fear of "giving away" strands of his thinking. Ironically, this may contribute to the obsessive sets some of the poorly thought-out and overly complex tax mea-sures of the 1980s.

Tax buoyancy means that if the traditional Budget were dropped this year, there would be little pressure for undesirable "mini Budgets" instead. And the prize - a welcome pause to get a grip on the next wave of structural and technical reform would be well worth having OF course, in an ideal world each. year would see a slimmed-down-Budget reducing tax rates and abolishing a tax a year. To get from where we are to that happy position, a year without a Budge would be a good stepping stone The author is General Director of the Institute of Economic Affairs-

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ECONOMII - W

At the top of the staircase leading to the Hyde Park Hotel ballroom. we were met by a toastmaster so grand that one toyed with introducing him to the host. He eased forward a well-kept ear, one mouthed into it a name. He amplified it for the benefit of the reception line. Good of you to come; kind of you to ask me. You look well; I am well. Good afternoon; helio. Helio; good afternoon. Better names with more significant titles rang from the pink-coated one as we who had been processed mingled

Final winners on Tuesday.

among the pre-lunch drinks. It was the Totalisator Board's annual luncheon, one of the best social events of the metropolitan year. Guests had been short-listed from a short-list, and none who had offended Woodrow Wyatt

As glasses of gin and tonic came around, I overheard a hereditary

Confessions of a racing tippler peer tell a stipendiary steward remember when employing Filipino maids: "Never give 'em a day off, else they might meet other Filipinos and find out what

soft jobs there are to be had." "Can't keep them locked in the cellar all week," said the stipe, ... of can you?" "I give mine Monday morn-

"Damned odd business," said a colonel who had led the 83rd Foot in the last war. "My man got caught sticking Green Shield stamps on his National Health Insurance card, came up before the magistrates, was sentenced to three months in jail or an electric

joke, had been even better when there were Green Shield stamps and National Health Insurance cards on which to affix them; computers have taken more from humour than they contributed.

"Thought you were dead," said an old man to one who was older. Seem to remember going to your funeral.

"You'll have to speak up a bit," said the other man. "Lot of noise And the toastmaster announced: "Your Royal Highness,

Your Graces, My Lords, Ladies

and Gentlemen, luncheon is Painlessly and efficiently we



Freud

were given smoked salmon, fillet of beef, then pudding Wine flowed, liqueurs were offered, cigars came by and the Lord Wyatt of Weeford rose to his feet: "Your Royal Highness, Your two three Graces but one of them got away, My Lords ... '

Around him sat the Home Secretary and three former holders of that office; captains of industry, politicians of clout, editors, members of the Jockey Club. "Racing", said Lord Wyatt, is romance, not reality, but there must be a kiss sometimes. I would now like to embrace the Home Secretary - not literally of course..." The thrust of the speech was that it is high time the Tote was removed from the control of the Home Office.

Speaker for the guests was Mr J.J. Warr. He told a joke about a clergyman who had cleaned out by bets on spelling: "Never knew it was spelt auspice," muttered one of the recently impoverished

at the end of the journey. Encouraged, he went on to relate the tale of the trainer who told his jock to keep his horse handy, wait for a gap and make for it. "What went wrong?" asked the trainer after the horse had finished seventh. "Didn't you see

the gap?"
"I did," said the jock, "but it was going faster than us." Lunch ended at 2.35 pm, which is wholly admirable, time for some sustained afternoon work. A colleague asked if I would care

to join him for a small drink. I am

not, I explained, a lunchtime drinker — I find it kills the rest of the day. He gave a gentle smile and ordered a bottle of Taittinger Blanc de Blanc. We talked of Lester Piggott and discussed holi-days by the Dead Sea. There is not as much wine in a

Taittinger Blanc de Blanc bottle as we had expected; perhaps they vary in content, so we tried another, talked about betting Taittinger seemed, how shall I put it, not as generous as the first and we embarked on a third the windows at the far end of the room, Hyde Park was less distinct than it had been, and being a man who doesn't drink in the afternoons I explained that I had to get there was now not much point. I not very distinct either, and saw what he meant.



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#### MR KINNOCK'S MILITANT FOE

The sight of mobs besieging town halls, of arrested demonstrators and of injured policemen is a sharp reminder that the outside left, conventionally represented by the description Militant Tendency, was never killed off by Mr Neil Kinnock's strictures. It merely went to ground, awaiting its opportunity to emerge again as soon as it identified a cause for discontent which seemed to promise an epportunity for manipulating public disorder for long-term political ends.

. The widespread discontent with the poll tax. not least among Tory voters, has been seized as an opportunity for testing the organizing power of the small groups of activists to forment unrest. The evidence suggests the kind of "rent-a-mob" campaign characteristic of the violence employed on the picket lines during the miners' strike.

The outcome will be the same; the cause on behalf of which violence is deployed is more likely to be undermined than helped by it. Tory voters protesting peacefully to their MPs, newspapers and television will, with good reason, be dismayed by the tactics of their unsought allies.

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The brand name Militant was always, of course, an unduly restrictive description of the undemocratic left in Britain, which existed in many places under an assortment of different names. It has always had well-placed sympathizers in influential parts of the Labour Party (in the NEC, for instance) who were never backward in trying to protect the Militants whenever the moderates proposed action against them.

.. To his credit, Mr Kinnock confronted the Militants head on and forced them into retreat. But those who campaign under the Militant banner are only the most visible part of a wider front of less obtrusive leftists, and it was in some respects convenient for Mr Kinnock to treat the Militants (specifically those in Liverpool) as a scapegoat. They could be driven forth from the party, bearing the sins of the many more who remain hidden and unregenerate among Labour's left - not least in some of the inner city local authorities which are responsible for the highest poll tax levies.

It is an undeniable fact of politics that this

broad half-hidden left, which is impatient with democratic processes, still remains to savage any future Labour leader who strays too far from their own doctrine of socialism. Labour leaders have, therefore, rightly and unambiguously repudiated the lawbreaking violence which can only injure their cause. Mr Bryan Gould did so with commendable speed before the worst of the town hall disruption was reported. Mr Kinnock and his colleagues know that it is counter-productive and much more likely to harm Labour's cause than Mrs. Thatcher's.

Her danger, of course, lies in the polling booths rather than in the mobs which disrupt proceedings at the town hall. Indeed, it could be argued that by focusing their attentions on the town halls they will illustrate Mrs Thatcher's argument that it is there that the problem really lies. It is bound to be a question for many Tory protest voters - particularly in a general election - whether they should risk a vote against the Government when the outcome could be to bring to power a Labour government which is always threatened by leftist infiltration.

If violence, easily condemned, were the whole of the matter, Mr Kinnock's position would be easier than it is. His real embarrassment is that, even after the town ball disruption organized by the militant Anti-Poll Tax Federation, 28 Labour MPs (including Mr Tony Benn, Mr Ken Livingstone and Mr Bernie Grant - the last two of whom made their way to the Commons through hard left local politics) have declared their support for the national demonstration called to support mass non-payment of poll tax.

Yet non-payment of a legal tax is lawbreaking too. There have been Labour taxes which Tories dislike but Tories are expected to pay them. The essence of democratic government is obedience to the law.

Mr Kinnock knows this and has unreservedly condemned the demands for nonpayment in the past. But he should go beyond this now. Hard though it is for him to censure explicitly so large a proportion of his own MPs, he would be wise to accept the Tory challenge formally to do so.

#### **ECONOMIES WITH THE TRUTH**

The report of the Department of Trade inspectors into the purchase by the Fayed brothers of the House of Fraser stores group exposes an astonishing web of lies and deception. That they could have taken in, one after the other, a great City merchant bank, a senior law firm and the two most commercially experienced arms of government (the Office of Fair Trading and the Department of Trade and Industry), goes almost beyond belief.

According to the inspectors, Mr Henry Brooke, QC, and Mr Hugh Aldous, there was starcely an aspect of their families, their circumstances and above all their wealth, which the brothers honestly represented. The HES STATE WITH TAISE ONT IN CERTIFICATES ATTOLS out endlessly, all designed to create a false impression of substantial wealth of long standing. The brothers lied to the secretary of state, to the Office of Fair Trading, to the press, to the House of Fraser and then to the inspectors themselves.

"If only half of what the inspectors claim is true there would be grounds enough to declare that the Fayeds were not fit to be directors of a public limited liability company. Limited liability is a privilege extended to the owners of business, and in return for the immunity that such status gives them, such owners must be trustworthy. On the findings of the inspectors, the Fayed brothers are simply dishonest. If that is the case, they should be stripped of their directorships forthwith.

"It is alarming not only that the ownership of Europe's largest departmental stores group is in such hands, but also that the House of Fraser group includes a bank. That is a matter on which the Bank of England should do more than simply take note.

If a humble meat cutter from the Harrods food hall was found to have lied to the authorities on the scale that the Fayeds are said to have practised their deception, the Home Office might act with some speed. Similarly, if a Harrods shop girl had obtained employment with the help of a bogus reference, she would expect to be sacked if the deceit was

The report which, for different reasons, the brothers find "shocking", does however fail to get to the bottom of a crucial aspect of the curious case of the takeover of Harrods: if the money did not come from the Fayeds' own resources, where did it come from? The inspectors feel they would not have got to the bottom of that question, no matter how long they searched. But they suspect it came from the coffers of the Sultan of Brunei, a suggestion which has been flatly denied by the Sultan.

Even the proving of such a connection, however, would be unlikely to prompt the Government to act. The fact of the Fayeds' being shown to be unsuitable to own such a business does not make Lonrho, which had been prevented from bidding for House of Fraser until it was too late, their natural successor. And even though the Fayeds are accused of lying extensively to the inspectors, that has been an offence only since last year. House of Fraser itself appears to be honestly managed, and is weathering the recession in the high street in reasonable shape.

The publication of this report, which has been handed like a hot potato from secretary of state to secretary of state is as welcome as it is overdue. But it should not mark the end of the

The inspectors have uncovered a nasty disease but can recommend no cure, other than to suggest that in future merchant banks and other advisers must be certain that the assurances they give to the authorities are so framed that they do not carry more weight than they deserve. Given the strength of the language of the report and the obvious conviction of the inspectors it is indeed curious that no further action is to be taken by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Nicholas Ridley.

#### ETHIOPIAN DAWN?

The declaration by President Mengistu of Ethiopia that he is liberalizing his Marxist regime calls for an effort of the imagination. The students who marched through the streets of Addis Ababa in celebration of the "dawn of a new cra" could be welcoming a false one. The President's record does not inspire confidence.

Since seizing power in 1977 he has pursued policies which have been as disastrous as they have been repressive. Ravaged by famine and laid waste by civil war, his country has staggered towards economic ruin, despite the support of his Soviet mentors. His unattractive rale has been characterized by a cavalier approach to human rights in general and the forced resettlement of thousands of his people

Now he has said that the Workers' Party of Ethiopia, which has held a monopoly of power for 13 years, is turning into the Democratic Unity Party. All political ideologies will be welcome. In a five-hour speech to the party central committee he promised to allow more private enterprise, with farmers being allowed to sell their own produce. Ethiopia, he said, was having to adjust to a changing inter-

national situation. 'Indeed it is. The indications are, however, that his apostasy is not the result of a genuine conversion but is a response to growing pressures. The Ethiopian Army has been demoralized by a succession of defeats by rebels in both Eritrea and Tigré. Last year the President survived an attempted military coup. Those who took part could hardly have expected to be let off with a caution, but the sudden removal of 200 or so officers left the Aimy in a critical condition, with inexperi-

enced commanders in the field. Its performance, never impressive, has deteriorated forther.

Pressure has also come from overseas. The Russians continue to offer support, but with increasing reluctance. If the Mengistu regime collapsed it would be embarrassing, so they feel obliged to prop it up, but they badly want a negotiated peace.

Ideologically, the Soviet Union can place a bet either way, since both the Eritreans and Tigréans follow Marx. (Although since the events in Eastern Europe it must find the Ethiopian comrades, especially the Stalinist Tigréans, rather extreme). Politically it has a natural sympathy with anyone who is fending off secession, but it cannot see any chance of military victory and would clearly like to extricate itself. President Mengistu's Cuban advisers have long since gone. A number of Israelis soldier on, but the Russians have withdrawn from the front line.

Isolated abroad, failing badly at home, the President has therefore chosen to experiment with reform. His commitment to economic pluralism is welcome, but what he has to offer is unlikely to appease the rebel armies, who will probably interpret it as a sign of weakness. At best it might provide a focal point when

talks with the Tigreans resume this month. Whether the Ethiopian leopard can change its spots remains to be seen. In most cases change has come to Eastern Europe only after the Ceausescus and Honeckers have gone. They were swept away on the high tide of reform. President Mengistu will have to display exceptional and unusual adroitness if he is to continue to lead his suffering people.

#### Case for raising mortgage threshold

From Mr Anthony Gimson Sir, No government has done more to encourage and promote home ownership than the present one, but as the fight against inflation intensifies the homebuyer and the home-builder are having to shoulder the greatest

Even before the recent rise in interest rates mortgage arrears had risen alarmingly - in the second six months of 1989 the number of families 12 months or more behind in their payments rose by 31 per cent. Almost all first-time buyers are now obliged to pay stamp duty and many are having to rely on parental generosity to stand any hope of getting a foot on the property ladder.

More unfair still is the tax relief allowed on mortgage interest. Back in 1974, when the average home cost just £11,500, tax relief was allowed on mortgages up to £25,000. The threshold was raised to its present level of £30,000 seven years ago, when the average home cost about £29,500.

This association, representing 15 of the largest home-builders in southern England, believes that it should be raised to at least £60,000 for first-time buyers and to £45,000 for second and subsequent buyers. These increases could be at least partly financed by the phasing out of higher-rate tax relief for mortgages held by high cauners, who can best afford to nav

Builders themselves have already furled their sails to the limit, offering home-buyers the best deals ever in order to help those desperate to get on the housing ladder at affordable prices.

A stagnant property market will lead to increased unemployment, bankruptcies, and, in the long run, homelessness. Somehow we are expected to provide 560,000 new homes in the South-east alone by the end of the century. The homebuilding industry is always the barometer of a government's success or failure; it will need a sharp tap in the Budget if we are to be set fair for the new decade. Yours faithfully, ANTHONY GIMSON,

which reproduced the function of

the Inland Revenue on a local

scale which would be very difficult

to set up and operate. In 1981 the

Inland Revenue estimated it would take an additional 55.000

staff to operate a local income tax

costing, in today's terms, £750 million. This additional spending

on bureaucracy could only be funded by an increased rate of tax.

Even the proponents of the local

income tax system admit that any

couple with a joint income of

£12,000 or above would be worse

off compared to the community

I and several hundred Conser-

vatives like me will be seeking

election in the local elections on

May 3, strongly supporting the introduction of the community

charge. A rebate system more

generous than that available under

the old rating system is in place and should be utilised by those on

lower incomes. Those people on

higher income rightly contribute

substantially more to local govern-

ment through the payment of

Southern Homebuilders Association, c/o Rosemount Tower, Stafford Road, Wallington, Surrey. March 2.

#### Heat and light in poll tax debate of the costs involved in a system

From Councillor Derrick Wood Sir, Soon I shall have completed 30 years as a local councillor, at county, district, and parish council levels, and during that period I have witnessed revolutionary changes in the organisation, prac-tice, and ethos of local government. One thing has remained constant - the skill with which central Government and the Civil Servant blame local government for their mistakes and deficiencies and so try to avoid their proper share of blame.

Hitherto this has been achieved by the yearly manipulation of the rate-support grant and the annual modifications of the formulae behind its application. Now, with the introduction of the community charge, a new method has been adopted - the standard spending assessment (SSA), and the clamour, from the Prime Minister downwards, against the alleged profligacy of some local

In the case of my council it is blatantly untrue. Over the last few years we have achieved major savings by contracting out services; our workforce has been reduced by two thirds, and our budget for 1990-91 is a model of prudent activity, erring, if anything, on the side of frugality. Yet our community charge will exceed the SSA by some £110.

First there is the "safety net" of £60 (which rescues Wandsworth, for example, at our expense); then the Government's inadequate estimate of inflation and pay inthe "ring-lencing housing revenue account to prevent transfers to other accounts: and finally the inordinate, yet unavoidable, high cost of collection of the community charge. If the goal is to make the local community more squalid, this is the best way to achieve it.

It is high time that fiddling with the degree of central grant was removed and some fair, reasonably permanent method created. Above all, is it too much to hope for some honest, politically-neutral stance to be adopted? No one gains from the present confrontation and unjust vituperation. Yours faithfully, DERRICK WOOD

(Rochford District Council (Conservative)), The Old Shop, East End, Paglesham, nr. Rochford, Essex.

From Mr Douglas J. McBean Sir, One of the greatest advantages of the community charge is the introduction of accountability. Local income tax would hardly increase accountability at all. Rather, like the rates, local income tax would provide no direct link between the level of charge app-lied and the level of spending, indeed, only about two million more people would pay than now

Worse still is the consideration

#### Mental puzzles

From Mr Simon J. H. Davis Sir, You will quite probably be the unwitting cause of my mother's next heart attack. As a foreign resident I rely on her access to reference books and had hoped to get past the first week of the Tournament of the Mind untroubled by dilemmas. Sadly, day one produced the first poser as her encyclopaedia gives two equally valid alternative names in answer to the question about which club, whose members included Sir Walter Raleigh, met at the Mermaid Tavern in London. Now I must decide whether to give both or choose one at random and my mother is cursing both you and

On a happier note, one question has improved my linguistic prowess; my previous claim to fame was that I could say "You are safe with me" in 12 different languages (whilst meaning it in none), but now I am able to translate the word "muddy" into 23. Is there no end to the learning process? Yours quizzically,

SIMON J. H. DAVIS, Chemin de la Plantaz 12, 1024 Ecubiens, Switzerland. March 7.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number

#### Halting the campaign in Gallipoli

From Mr Peter T. Scott Sir, Your feature, "The journalist who stopped a war" (Review, March 3), described how Australian reporter Keith Murdoch "almost single-handedly" halted the Gallipoli campaign.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inevitably, the full story is very much more complex and very much more interesting. Briefly, however, Murdoch and his letter must share a substantial portion of any credit that might be due to them with one of those red-tabled incompetent staff officers" so beloved of scapegoat-seeking writ-

He was Major Guy Dawnay, a member of General Sir Ian Hamilton's operations staff, and from the moment the Suvia Bay landing was seen to be a failure in mid-August, 1915, he had recognised and urged the necessity of with-drawal from the peninsula. The Micawber-like Hamilton

was easily persuaded of the benefits of having a staff officer in London and Dawnay was on his way home to report at about the time that Murdoch was arriving at the Dardanelles for his four-day visit to Anzac.

In London Dawnay was interviewed by the King, by most

#### and particularly by Kitchener, with whom he made no secret of his personal opinion that withdrawal was inevitable.

It was he who annotated Kitchener's copy of Murdoch's letter in time for the meeting of the Dardanelles Committee, before having to return to the peninsula.

members of the Dardanelles Com-

mittee, by his military masters,

Dawnay, like Murdoch, seldom spoke in later years of the part he played in closing down the Gallipoli front. But Robert Rhodes James, author of the most balanced of all the studies of the campaign, has written:

Murdoch could possibly be laughed off, but not Dawnay. In all the history of the Gallipoli campaign, nothing is more surprising than the spectacle of this exceptionally comnetent young staff officer advising ars to over-rule the authority of his own commander-in-chief. Yours faithfully. PETER T. SCOTT

(Managing Editor, The Great War, The Illustrated Journal of First World War History), 6 Cranleigh Gardens,

South Croydon, Surrey.

#### Jericho's fall

From Dr M. G. L. Baillie Sir, Dr Bryant Wood's evidence, as reported by James Bone (February 23), for a new dating of the "Fall of Jericho" leaves a lot to be desired in terms of chronological

The scientific community has spent a great deal of time and money in providing calibration curves for the correction of radiocarbon "dates" to calendar "age ranges". It is now very well known that radiocarbon dates in the second millennium BC are consistently too young by several hundred vears.

There is also a convention for reporting dates. Historical dates, or dates derived from tree-ring work (dendrochronology), are given as upper case AD/BC. Radiocarbon dates, because they are not calendar dates, should be reported as "ages before present" or BP — i.e., the number of

higher income taxes, which account for 50 per cent of financing

for local services. Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS J. McBEAN, 24 Pampas Court, Colchester, Essex.

From Lord Taylor of Gryle Sir, Your Economics Editor (article, March 3), discussing the experience of the poll tax in Scotland, gives an entirely misleading picture when he states Despite dire predictions about the difficulties of collecting the tax, 99 per cent of the population have registered, and revenue is running at about 90 per cent of the target . . .

The latest figures supplied by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities show that 3.8 million Scots are liable for the tax which was introduced in April, 1989; 800,000 have paid nothing or are more than three months in arrears. Included in that figure are 375,000 non-payers against whom sherrif warrants have been issued.

The Scottish clearing banks and the DSS have stated that they are unable to handle this volume of arrestments. This experience does not justify the optimistic conclusions of your Economics Editor. Yours faithfully, TAYLOR,

33 Seagate, Kingsbarns, Fife.

From Dr P. Glaister Sir, On learning the community charge that my wife and I will each have to pay in April, I fear that, in our case at least, we will finally have to put to rest that old adage that "two people can live as cheaply as one". Yours faithfully, P. GLAISTER 38 Instow Road

Earley, Reading, Berkshire.

#### Repression in Nepal

From Mr Danny Smith Sir, Having recently visited Nepal and talked with many of the Christian victims of repression in that country, I was pleased to read your editorial of February 23.

During my visit I saw a church hall in Bhaktapur which had recently been stripped completely bare by police. The 78-year-old pastor was arrested while conducting a Sunday church service and badly beaten; he is still in jail today. His congregation were arrested with him and forced to bow down to Hindu idols.

Earlier, in Kathmandu, I found the Reverend Charles Mendies (the Nepali who contributed to Jubilee Campaign's recent report on 20 years of repression in his country) in prison, serving a sixyear sentence for proselytising.

Such attacks on the peaceful Christian minority have marred the spectacular beauty of Nepal. As totalitarian, political, and ideological oppression are increasingly unacceptable to the world community, I would hope that the winds of glasnost currently sweeping through Eastern Europe would swiftly waft their way across the Himalayan mountain range. Yours faithfully, DANNY SMITH (Director)

Jubilee Campaign, PO Box 80, Cobham, Surrey.

radiocarbon years before AD

The only way to handle radiocarbon dates in an historical context is to calibrate them - i.e., to turn the radiocarbon date into an estimate of real calendrical age. The resulting date should be reported as CalBC (short for calibrated age BC) or CalAD.

In round figures, using the internationally accepted Pearson/Stuiver calibration curve, the resulting range is 1550-1750 CalBC. Such an age range would appear to be entirely consistent with the older date suggested by Kathleen Kenyon in the 1950s. Thus, the new evidence does not back the biblical story of Jericho's

Yours et MIKE BAILLIE, The Queen's University of Belfast Palaeoecology Centre, Belfast, Northern Ireland. February 28.

#### **Business priorities**

From the Director General of the Institute of Directors Sir, Mr Leslie Knox (March 5) is quite wrong in his assumptions about the composition of the membership of the Institute of Directors, as he probably also is in his understanding of the motivation of the vast majority of Britain's business people, who really just want to get on with the task in hand.

It is the diversity of business interests of its 39,000 memb and the positions they hold at all levels in their companies, from top plcs to the smallest private businesses, from which the IoD derives its authoritative influence. It represents the whole spectrum of business at board level.

No less than 55 per cent of members are involved in manu-

facturing, metal, or car production; a further 10 per cent are engaged in construction, coal, oil, agriculture and forestry; 12 per cent are in distribution, transport, and communications and only 23 per cent work in banking, finance, and other service industries.

The text of my speech (report, February 28), of which we are sending Mr Knox a copy, makes it clear that the IoD and its members take a compassionate view towards society's genuine casualties, proper ethics and morality being applied to the way money is made and then disbursed.

Yours faithfully, PETER MORGAN. Director General, Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, SW1. March 5.

#### Channel tunnel

From Mr Stephen Plowden Sir, Richard Hope's examples of incident-free railway operations (March 3), though admirable in themselves, do not warrant his conclusion that the Channel tunnel is an acceptable risk.

Mr Hope does not distinguish between acts of sabotage or terrorism and accidents, but they pose quite different threats, The Channel trunel cannot be made safe against a determined terrorist attack. To dismiss the threat of terrorism is therefore to say that such an attack would never be made — a very optimistic view.

Dr Herbert Eisner, a former director of the Flame and Explosion Laboratory of the Health and Safety Executive, has given the

#### Alcohol abuse

From Viscount Falkland Sir, You report (March 5) that the Portman Group, under Dr Rae, is to introduce training for young drinkers in special teenage bars to encourage sensible drinking. In a country which traditionally sp-urns training and where drinking has always had its major appeal to those who wish to become intoxicated in as short a time as possible the scheme must have an uphili

One of the most popular West End shows at present is virtually a one-man show where the hero spends all the time either comatose or wildly incoherent after closing time in a London pub, and the audience loves it.

Most young people would rather do some DIY or help old people cross roads than drink sensibly, and who can blame them, given our particular alcohol

Surely the way to deal with all problems of alcohol abuse is to curb advertising which aims its message at the young, to urge the drinks industry to increase the price differential between soft drinks and alcohol, and apply laws properly. The Portman Group is financed by the drinks trade so it would be asking perhaps too much for them to support the first two measures.

Yours faithfully, FALKLAND (Vice-Chairman, Parliamentary Alcohol Services Group), House of Lords.

reasons why the tunnel's vehicle shuttle, if operated as proposed without segrating passengers from their vehicles, would pose un-acceptable risks of accidental fire. The Alpine tunnels are much shorter, the trains are slower. vehicles are transported in open wagons which permit the dissipation of gas and petrol vapours, the tunnels carry much less traffic, the number of lives at risk at any one

moment is far smaller. The tunnel which most closely resembles the Channel tunnel is the Seikan tunnel, in Japan. This tunnel also carries road vehicles on rail wagons, but the vehicles are lifted on to the wagons and their fuel tanks are drained. Such a precaution, or even the milder precaution of segregation, might well reduce the risk of accidental fire in the Channel tunnel to an acceptable level, but who would then use the tunnel rather than driving the few extra miles to the Yours faithfully, STEPHEN PLOWDEN, 69 Albert Street, NW1.

#### Soviet reshuffle

March 5.

From Mr Nick Winter Sir, Mr Nicolas Mynett (February 27) asks why his favourite drink in Germany has changed its name from "Vodka Gorbachov" to "Vodka Pushkin". After a few glasses of the stuff the answer becomes clear. The politician is using the poet to pursue his foreign policy, as I can demonstrate with my rough translation of some lines from Pushkin's 1831 poem, "To the Slanderers of Russia". (The original can be found in the 1974 Moscow 10volume edition of Pushkin's works, vol. 2, pp. 269-70): What has angered you? The unrest

in Lithuania? Leave it alone; it's a quarrel for the Slavs themselves, An old, domestic quarrel, well hung in the balance of Fate, A question which you will not resolve.

Mr Gorbachov is clearly a man with whom one might not only do business, but also have a cosy literary chat over a bottle or

Yours etc., NICK WINTER, 51 King Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

# **COURT**

#### **COURT** CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 7: His Excellency Mr Cyrill Bisoendat Ramkisor was received in andience by The Queen and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Suriname to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy: Mr D. Toemin econd Secretary).
Mrs Ramkisor was received

by Her Majesty.
Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State nent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in

Mr Michael Weston was teceived in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraor-dinary and Plenipotentiary at Kuwait.

The Baroness Blatch was received by Her Majesty upon her appointment as a Baroness her appointment as a Baroness in Waiting to The Queen.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Gala Concert in aid of the Aldeburgh Foundation at the Barbican Centre, London,

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Hugh Bidwell) and Sir Harold Atcherley (Chairman, Aldeburgh Foundation).

Aldeburgh Foundation).
During the interval The
Queen and The Duke of
Edinburgh, escorted by His
Excellency the Ambassador of
Iceland, viewed an exhibition of Celandic Art.

The Countess of Airlie, Sir Robert Fellowes and Lieuten-ant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Gardiner (formerly Lord Chancellor) which was held in the Temple Church, London EC4, this afternoon.

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the arrival of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of Hor Majesty.

behalf of Her Majesty.
This morning The Princess
Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, visited Company X Fashions Limited, 142 Seven Sisters Road, London.

Afterwards Her Royal High- Mr Andress visited Monix Limited, attendance.

Mr A.J. Biddell and Mile V.J.C. Tellier The engagement is announced

ter of Monsieur J-L. Tellier and Mme A-M. Oldham, of Paris.

only son of Mr and Mrs Ronald

Breeze, of Stourbridge, West Midlands, and Julie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James

Pashley, of Thorngumbald, East

and Miss J.P.S. Williams
The engagement is announced

West of Ashford in the Water.

Mr P. Notan
and Miss M. Karykowsk
The engagement is announced
between Patrick, only son of Mr
and Mrs T. Notan, of Dublin,
Ireland, and Mira, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Karykowsk,
of Wroelaw Paland

Today's royal

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Royal Over-Seas League at 3.00 to mark its 80th anniversary.

The Princess of Wales will visit

the Solihull Juvenile Centre, Craig Croft, Chelmsley Wood, West Midlands, at 11.05; open the "Careers for the 1990s"

exhibition at the National Ex-

hibition Centre at 12.05; and, as Patron of the Child Accident

engagements

Mr P. Nolan

and vero

Mr S.C. Breeze

Mr F.J. Brown

Pembroke Road, Muswell Hill London.
Subsequently The Princess
Royal visited Morgan & Oates
Limited, The Pentland Centre,
Squires Lane, London.

In the afternoon Her Roya Highness, President, Royal Yachting Association, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Association at Inn on the Park Hotel, London.

The Princess Royal was attended by Mrs Richard Carew Pole. CLARENCE HOUSE March 7: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron of the

Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management, this morning received holders of the Elizabeth Medal at Clarence House.

House.
KENSINGTON PALACE
March 7: The Prince of Wales,
Duke of Cornwall, presided at a
meeting of The Prince's Council
at 10 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
Subsequently The Prince and
Princes of Wales envertaged Princess of Wales entertained members of the Council and Duchy Land Stewards to lunch at Kensington Palace.
The Prince of Wales, Presi-dent, Prince's Youth Business

Trust, gave a dinner for supporters of the Trust's appeal, at KENSINGTON PALACE

March 7: The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Gloucestershire Regiment, today received Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Dixon on relinquishing the appointment as Commanding Officer and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Durrant on assuming the appointment

In the evening His Royal Highness, President, Parents Against Tobacco, was present at a reception at St James's Palace, London, SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE March 7: The Duke and Duchess of Kent today visited Ash Field School, Broad Avenue, Leicester, this afternoon they visited the Leicester and County
Mission for the Deaf, Welford
Road and, later, the British
Shoe Corporation Limited,
Sunningdale Road, Leicester.

an early age through his Their Royal Highnesses were attended by Mrs David Napier father's job, spraying crops of tea and rubber from the air. and Captain the Hon Chris-topher Knollys. The Duke of Kent, Parton of Kershaw spent his early years in India, though he came

the Leukaemia Research Fund, this evening attended a Reception at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London SW1 and, later, attended the Farewell Dinner for Members of County Hall Branch of Royal British Legion and Other Ex-Servicemen at County Hall, London,

Mr Andrew Palmer was in

and Miss V.C. Hartley

and Mrs M.S. Feyi-Waboso

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 3, 1990, at The Friends' Meeting House, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, between Mr Basil Sidney Sheldrick and Mrs Margaret Spears Feet Meeters

Spence Feyi-Waboso.

mark its 80th anniversary.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Chartered Society of Designers, will attend a jubilee thanksgiving service at St George's, Bloomsbury, at 11.55 followed by a reception at the society's headquarters.

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Birthdays today

Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith, former governor, Queensland, 90; Major-General Sir Christopher Airy, royal equerry, 56; Sir John Badenoch, physician, 70; Mr Gyles Brandreth, author and broadcaster 42: Sir Inlies

Hurd, MP, 60; Mr Michael Inchbald, founder, Inchbald

Schools of Design and Fine Arts,

70; Miss Ann Jenner, ballerina,

46; Sir Geoffrey Meade, former

consul. 88: Miss Lynn

College of

**Anaesthetists** 

**Forthcoming** 

marriages

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **GILES KERSHAW**

Intrepid flying man with a love for the heart of Antarctica



Kershaw (left) with his flight engineer, Gerry Nicholson, and their Twin Otter

in Argentine naval círcles for pilot's medical because of his virgin territory would become evesight. A pilot's career appeared to be closed to him.

Belgrano (later sunk in the Falklands conflict) who had However, with the support of his parents, he took his Private Pilot's Licence, and become marooned on an icefloe while on an Antarctic expedition. In 1980 he also then, after his father's death, flew across thousands of miles worked his own way, supportof trackless, frozen wastes to ing himself with odd jobs, to rescue three South African his commercial licence. scientists who were nearing

In 1974 he answered an advert for a pilot for the British Antarctic Survey. Heflew for the Survey until 1979, He was born in India on August 27, 1948. A love of in which time he developed a deep affinity with the Antflying was instilled into him at arctic. He came to love and respect its hostile terrain and unusual fauna. Indeed, when, later, he became a foundermember of Adventure Network International, a firm specializing in holidays for the intrepid to the South Pole, he

ingly in view of his subsequent critics who saw in this dev- ice fields which he had painsexploits - failed to pass the elopment a danger that this takingly researched. Thus the a dumping ground for cola cans and orange peel. Under Kershaw's eagle scrutiny not one piece of matter, organic or inorganic, which was brought nent by Twin Otter, the into the Antarctic, was not taken out again.

Kershaw believed that the opening up of Anarctica should not be the preserve of the miltary and government agencies, and though he often encountered obstruction, was determined that the continent should be accessible to private enterorise.

It was Kershaw's remarkable aircraft-handling ability that made these trips possible in the first place. It was not at first thought feasible to operate fixed-wing aircraft from "civilization" to the Antarctic. acted from the outset to But Kershaw demonstrated in the RAF but - astonish- silence the voices of those that a DC4 could be landed on to Yvonne, also a pilot.

expedition members could be flown direct from Punta Arenas in Chile, to the Antarctic, and then on to destinations within the ice-bound contiworkhorse of polar flying.

Kershaw had been a captain with Britannia Airways and was, at the time of his death, a first officer on Boeing 747s with Cathay Pacific.

He was a pilot of enormous powers of concentration and endurance. He could endure extremes of heat (he had flown for an engineering firm in Oman) as well as of cold. He was regarded by his contemporaries as an Antarctic pilot without peer.

He leaves his widow, Anne, and a son of his first marriage

# among the stars

GARY MERRILL

A craftsmanlike actor

Gary Merrill, the deep-voiced, rugged-featured American actor best known for his role opposite Bette Davis in the 1950 film All About Eve, died on March 5 in Falmouth, Maine, after a two-year battle against lung cancer. He was

In Joseph L. Mankiewicz's abrasive portrait of Broadway's venal passions, Merrill played Bill Sampson, a young theatre director in love with an aging, vituperative star actress. Real life mirrored fiction: Merrill and Davis fell in love on the set and married soon after shooting finished

Divorce followed in 1960 after 10 stormy years; their only subsequent communication came in 1985, when Merrill publicly protested against the publication of My Mother's Keeper, an acidulous biography by Davis's daugh-

"Wherever there's magic and make-believe and an audience, there's theatre," the Sampson character eulogised in All About Eve. Merrill himself enjoyed a theatrical training — he made his stage debut in 1937 — though he never shared Sampson's commitment to his chosen profession. "An adequate actor," he termed himself, "I never worked at it; I had no drive, really," he told one interviewer.

At the time of All About Eve. he was a rising contract player at 20th Century-Fox. Holly-wood continued to find parts for him throughout the 1950s and 1960s, though his development was hampered by his serious demeanour on screen. You hired Merrill for his handsome looks and dependability, not for his sparkle.

Gary Franklin Merrill was born on August 2, 1915, in Hartford, Connecticut. After studying at various New England schools and taking private acting lessons, he landed on Broadway in 1937, assuming José Ferrer's role in Brother Rat, a broad comedy set at the Virginia Military

Other service parts followed: during the Second World War, while a member of the United States Army Air Force, he appeared in Irving Berlin's revue This Is The Army and Moss Hart's Air Corps salute Winged Victory. reverentially filmed in 1944 with many of the original cast

 Merrill included. At least Born Yesterday got



him out of uniform: Garson Kanin's 1946 comedy hit cast Merrill as Paul Verrall, the New Republic writer who in-troduced Judy Holliday's dumb blonde to Thomas Paine, Sibelius, and the civilised graces. Even that severe critic George Jean Nathan described Merrill's performance as "tip-top".

Hollywood called again in 1949. Twelve O'Clock High (1950) found him back behind the epaulettes as an overconscientious colonel serving with a bombing squadron in war-time England. He teamed with Davis again in the lumbering melodrams Another Man's Poison (1952) and the episodic Phone Call From A Stranger (1952).

Later films proved a mixed bag, ranging from Westerns (The Wonderful Country, 1959) and a Jules Verne-base 1959) and a Jules Verne-based fantasy Mysterious Island, 1961) to bland family fun (Huckleberry Finn, 1974). Merrill continued to act on stage - his last role came in 1980 with the Broadway revival of Morning's At Seven and undertook assorted work for the small screen. The 1970 Monte Carlo television festival gave him an award for his role as a lobster fisherman in Summer Is Forever, filmed on the Maine coast.

Maine, indeed, was the place where Merrill felt most at home. In 1968 he made an unsuccessful bid to enter local politics, losing an election as Republican candidate to the State legislature. 6

Merrill and Bette Davis had two adopted children; he was also previously married to the actress Barbara Leeds.

## LUÍS CARLOS PRESTES

Army captain who became Brazil's best known Communist

Luís Carlos Prestes, South America's best known Communist of the old school who was Secretary-general of the Brazilian pro Moscow Communist Party for over 40 years, died yesterday in Rio de

Throughout this period

Kershaw's task was to make

sure that the three-man team

was kept supplied with food

He will also be remembered

his rescue of three officers

from the cruiser General

the end of their tether after

eight days marooned amid the

to Britain, to go to school at St

He wanted to make a career

Antarctic ice.

Edmund's, Ware.

and fuel.

Janeiro at the age of 92. He died in a public hospital in poverty, his expenses hav- movements in his own counbetween Adrian, younger son of Canon and Mrs C.D. Biddeil, of Chester, and Véronique, daugh.

Mrs M. J. Q. Poole, of ing been paid by Oscar Nie- try. meyer, the chief architect of Brasilia, the new capital.

Dannervirke, New Zealand, and Vanessa, daughter of the late Mr A.V. Hartley and of Mrs Hartley, of Staplecross, E captain, joined in two military neighborhood of Porto Alegre, revolts in the 1920s against Rio Grande do Sul. and Miss J. Pashley
The engagement is announced
between Steven Christopher, Mr J.G.S. Renowf governments of the day and became famous throughout and Miss E.L. Clegg Brazil for leading the so-called The engagement is announced "Prestes Column" of 1,300 between Julian, son of Mr Anthony Renout and the late Mrs Renout, of Sussex, and rebel troops on a long march over 11,000 miles through the Elisabeth, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Clegg, of jungle which lasted for almost

two years as a social protest. prison or in exile Prestes probably exercised his greatest influence between 1961 and

Presidency of João Goulart. Prestes, with his pro-fessional fighting experience, was critical of "Che" Guevara's attempt to install communism in Bolivia in the mid 1960s and also scentical of the

The son of a career army officer and a teacher, Prestes Prestes, an Army engineer was born on January 3, 1898, officer who rose to the rank of and grew up in a middle class

chances of urban guerrilla

After secondary education Prestes got his first taste of politics when he attended the prestigious Realengo Military Academy. The young Brazil-ian military had beome a hothouse for political dissent ever since officers conspired After spending long terms in to topple the Brazilian Emperor late last century and Prestes's classmates were

was the principal guest. Among

Lord Templeman, Lord Maclemete-Stuart, Sir Thomas and Lady Bing-hum, Sir Richard Scot, Sir Oliver and Lady Popplewell. Sir Kemeth and Lady Southwood. Sir Water and Lady Southwood. Sir Water and Lady Southwood. Sir Water and Lady Bodmer, Sir Nigel and the Hon-Lady Mobbs.

Lady Mobies.

Judge James Fox-Andrews, QC and Mrs Fox-Andrews, the President of the Law Society and Mrs Ward. the Chairmen of the Bear Council and Mrs Greatwell. Mr Thomas Lege, the Headinester of Berkhamsted School and Mrs Wittinson, the High Sheriff of Oxforchire and Mrs Parker, the Society and Greatwell of the Law Society Society and Mrs Greatwell of the Law Society Society and Mrs Wondon Solicitors' Company and Mrs Young.

Timber Trade Federation Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Trade, was the guest

others present were:

1964 during the moderate left opposition to the government. His initiation as a revolutionary took place when he was recruited for a key role in the 1924 uprising against President Artur Bernardes.

> Prestes became the movement's most ardent commander. Between 1924 and 1927, he led a rebel band fleeing loyalist troops and attempting to incite others to overthrow the government. His exploits ended in defeat but they had earned him the nickname of "The Knight of Hope"

> A long period of exile followed in Bolivia, Argen-tina, and the Soviet Union where he finally became a Marxist, returning clandes-tinely to Brazil in the 1930s to head the fledgling Brazilian Communist Party (PCB).

In 1935, he led an attempted uprising against Getúlio Varsteeped in a tradition of gas, the populist dictator.

In 1945, Prestes was elected to the Senate, getting the highest personal vote but the PCB was banned two years

In 1964, after opposing the military coup which toppled the Goulart government, Prestes was sentenced in his absence to 14 years jail but managed to lead a clandestine

Moscow. He returned to Brazil in 1979 when the ban on opposition parties was lifted. But immediately the old revolutionary began to have differences with the PCB leadership and after delivering a stinging critique of the party was removed from the secretary general's post and in

1984 expelled from the party. In 1938 his first wife, Olga, of German Jewish origin, was handed over by the Brazilian

Mr Colin Frizzell and Missi

opean Democratic Group The members of the European Democratic Group in the Euro-

pean Parliament gave a dinner on Monday at the St Stephen's Club. Sir Christopher Prout, QC, MEP, presided. Graf Franz

Ludwig von Stauffenberg, Mem-ber of the European Parliament,

was the guest of honour. Mem-bers of both Houses of Par-

Dr Theo Redpath presided at a University Pitt Club dinner held

on Monday night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Mr Simon Duckworth, Joint Honorary Secretary, addressed the club; and the traditional Club Toasts were proposed. Those who spoke included:

liament attended.

University Pitt Club

Wendy Syer also spoke.

#### **FABIA DRAKE**

Peter Sallis writes: It's said that you cannot teach could be done.

position of taking an unknown have chosen Fabia to be the ally, in my view, she was right.

guide. Formidable in middle May I mention Fabia Drake age, she dominated the class-(obituary, March 2) as a room. Some might say that teacher? Those of us who she dominated it too much, passed through her hands at but Fabia was interested in RADA will never forget her. only one thing the truth.

Any inflection, emotion, anyone to act. Maybe: but gesture or intonation that Fabia made you believe that it appeared to her other than utterly genuine was ruthlessly

Her eye and ear never and training him or her to play relaxed. Her voice, when she Benedict or Beatrice with no came to give judgement, previous experience I would brooked no argument. Usu-

#### If I had found myself in the exposed.

#### authorities to Nazi Germany, **Memorial services**

A service of thanksgiving for the iffe of Mr Douglas Long was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates

officiated.

Mr Mark Long, son, read To
my friends from The Mirror
Maker by Primo Levi and Mr
Peter Cole, Editor of The Sunday Correspondent, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. The Rev Richard Moberty, Chaplain of Mirror Group Newspapers, read the lesson and Mr Duncan Campbell gave an address. Among

#### Latest wills Lieutenant Colonel Olive Emma Booth Booth, Salvation

£20,000 to the Salvation Army. Colonel Herbert Frederic Harwood Eve, of Farnham, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,323,084 net. He left his estate to personal legatees.

to relatives and the residue for

Mr John Heddle, MP The Prime Minister attended #

service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr John Heddle, MP, held yesterday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster. Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated. Mr Andrew Heddle, son, and the Speaker read the lessons and Miss Nicola Heddle, daughter read from the works of Christina Rossetti. Mr Michael Howard;

QC. Secretary of State for Employment, gave an address. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Lord President of the Council and Deputy Prime Minister, and Mr Kenneth Baker, Chairman of the Conservative Party, at-tended. Mr Edward Heath, MP was represented by Mr Edward Bagnall.

Army, of London SES, grand-daughter of its founder, General William Booth, left estate valued at £356,190 net. She left

Lady Fairfield, of Haslemere, Surrey, widow of Sir Ronald Fairfield, left estate valued at £1,517,181 net. Mrs Nella Muriel Wilson, of St.

the relief of elderly Jewish

#### Templeton prize for Australian

Mr Charles Birch, aged 72, the Australian philosopher and theologian, has joined Mother Teresa, Dr Billy Graham and Alexander Solzhenitsyn as a winner of the world's richest religious prize, the Templetod prize for present and the transfer of the world's richest religious prize, the Templetod prize for present and the transfer of the world's religious prize, the Templetod prize for present and the transfer of prize for progress in religion.

Mr Birch and Baba Anne. 4 Hindu lawyer, who works with lepers, will share the award, the repets, will share the award, in-equivalent of a Nobel prize for religion and worth \$600,000 (£366,000).

He will receive his award

from the Duke of Edinburgh 21 Buckingham Palace on May 8.

The science report appears in the science and technology section, pages 39-42.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Fothergill, physician, Wensleydale, Yorkshire, 1712; Carl Philipp Bach, composer, Weimar, Germany, 1714; Richard Howe, Earl Howe, admiral, London, 1726; William Roscoe, historian, Liverpool, 1752; Kenneth Grehende au. 1753; Kenneth Grahame, author of The Wind in the Willows, Edinburgh, 1859; Otto Hahn, pioneer of nuclear fis-sion, Nobel laureate 1944, sion, Nobel laureate l Frankfurt am Main, 1879.

DEATHS: William III, reigned with Mary 1689-94, then alone to 1702, London, 1702; Abra-ham Darby, iron founder, Worcester, 1717; Sir William Chambers, architect, London, 1796; Sawrey Gilpin, animal painter, London, 1807; Hector Berlioz, composer, Paris, 1869; Millard Fillmore, 13th president of the USA 1850-53, Buffalo New York, 1874; John Ericsson pioneer of the screw propeller, New York, 1889; Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, airship constructor, Charlottenburg, Germany, 1917; Sherwood Anderson, novelist, Colon. Panama, 1941; Sir Thomas Bee-cham, Bt, conductor, 1961; Richard Austen Butler, Baron Butler of Saffron Walden, 1982; Sir William Walden, 1982; Sir William Walton, composer

Accession of Anne (reigned until 1714), 1702. American Marine landed in Vietnam, 1965.

Ischia, 1983.

#### **Buckingham Palace** Luncheon

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh held a luncheon party at Buckingham Palace yesterday. The guests were: Miss Angela Griffin (chief exec-

Redgrave, actress, 47; Miss Lynn Redgrave, actress, 47; Miss Lynn Seymour, ballerina, 51; Professor Norman Stone, modern historian, 49; Mr Robert Tear, tenor, 51; Mr J.S. Tomkinson, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 74; Mr David Wilkie, swimmer, 36. utive of Sandwell District Council), Mrs Sarah Watkins (headmistress of Heathfield School), Mr Finlay Calder (international rugby footballer), Mr Maldwin Drummond (farmer and author), Professor William Mitchell (chairman, Science and Engineering Research Council), Lord Justice Taylor (Lord Justice of Appeal), Sir Peter Wakefield (director, National Art-Collections Fund) and Mr Will Wyatt (assistant managing director of BBC Television).

# **Dinners**

Holbern Law Society
Mr Peter Williamson, President
of the Holborn Law Society,
accompanied by Mrs Williamson, presided at the annual
dinner held last night at the
New Connaught Rooms. Field
Marshal Lord Bramall, Lord
Lieutenant of Greater London,
accompanied by Lady Bramall,
was the principal guest, Among Among others present were:
The Canadian High Commissioner, the Norwegian Ambussador, the Philippine Ambussador, the Polish Ambassador the Acting High Commissioner for Makaysia and other members of the Diploinatic Corps. Society of Chemical Industry

Sir Geoffrey Allen, President of the Society of Chemical In-dustry, presented Mr Robert Horton with the centenary medal award at a dinner held last night as the Hotel last night at the Hotel InterContinental Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Kesston. Sir Peter and Lady Walters, the Master of the Salters' Commany and Lady Palmer. The Principal and Vice-Chencellor of Straincipide University and Lady Hills. Straincipide of Control of the Master Control of Control of the Alberton. Dr and Mrs I J Greban-Bryce and Dr and Mr D M Bell. European Association of Professional Secretaries nal Secretaries

The European Association of dinner for UK members and their guests was held at Claridge's hotel last night. Miss Barbara Smith, national secretary, presided and Mr Wally Olius was the guest of bonour.

#### speaker at the annual dinner of the Timber Trade Federation held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Terence Mallinson,

Newspaper Society
The Prime Minister was the guest of the Newspaper Society at a luncheon held yesterday at Bloomsbury House. Mr Fred Johnston, president, was host. The Hon Sir Richard Storey, senior vice-president, Mr John Aldridge, junior vice-president, and Mr Ray Tindle, treasurer, were among those present.

Victory (Services) Association The Lord Mayor of West-minster was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given yesterday by the Council of the Victory (Services) Association at the Victory Services Club, Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey, president, was in the chair. Among others present were: Affiling Gillers present were:
Admiral Str Brisin Brown, General Str
John Archer, General Str Robert
Pascoe, Air Chief Marthal Str David
Evans, Lieutentant General Str James
Wilson, Air Marthal Str Berndan
Jackson, Rear Admiral N A Puryls,
Air Vice-Marshal D O Crvys-Williams
and Vice-Admiral R P Bg, USN.

Luncheons was host yesterday at a luncheon held at the Waldorf Hotel to mark the Anglo-Soviet bi-lateral talks. Mr Aleksei Glukhov, of the Cultural Department of the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs, led the Soviet delegation and Mr Nicholas Elam, Head of the Cultural Relations Department of the Foreign and Comonwealth Office, led the British delegation.

> Primrose League Colonel Patrick Porteous, VC, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the West Sussex branch of the Primrose League held yesterday at Chichester College of Technology, Mr Ron-nie Politeyan, branch chairman, presided\_

Media Society
Mr George Russell, Chairman
of the IRA, was the guest speaker
at a luncheon of the Media
Society held yesterday at the
Cafe Royal. Mr Philip White-British Council Sir Richard Francis, Director-General of the British Council,

#### Lecture British Library Mr David Russon, Director General of the British Library's

Science Technology and In-dustry Division, chaired the fourth annual Dainton lecture, held on Monday, March 5, at the Royal Society, London SW1. Mr Robert Maxwell, MC, spoke on "Information technology as a way of reducing the costs and time in the dissemination of scientific and technological information". Among those

Jord Dainton, former Chairman, British Library, Dr Jereny Bray, MpRy Travor Storet, Mp. No The Wood, MP: Professor Maurice Line, Library, Association President: Mr Gordon Graham Chairman, Butterworths: Mr Kenneth Cooper, Chief Executive, British Library.

#### Lord Maclean

A thanksgiving service for the life of The Lord Maclean, KT. GCVO, KBE, will be held at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Bar-racks, on May 3, 1990, at noon. Applications for tickets from Regimental Headquarters, Scots Guards. 01-873 6118/6119.

# spoke included: Mgr Alfred Gilbey. Dr Redpath, Afr Geoffrey Seligman, Canon Respand Askew. Lord Seebohm. Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes. Viscount Knutsford. Afr Ansony Pillonghon. Mr Cedric Commany, Mr Peter Shephard, Mr George Commany, Mr Peter Shephard, Mr Grown Lower Land Mr James William Logal-Bourke and Mr William Logal-Bourke and Mr Mr Kenneth Morgan (director: The Press Council). Mr Paul Crowe (Thomson Reviews). Mr Paul Crowe of the Council Reviews (Press of the Council Reviews). Mr Martin Knight (director: Sunday Newspapers) and Mrs Downing, Mr Martin Knight (director: Sunday Newspapers)

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BOARDMAN - On March 3rd, to Sarah (née Costet) and in Sagel, a son, Hugo Nigel of Gough Cray, a brother for Tamin. Charlotts, Rebecce and Cordells.

BROTHERTON-RATCLEFFE - On March 3rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Thails and Asthony, a son.

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CHIPPING - On February 16th to Catherine and Stephen, a son. James Edward.

FREDERIAN - On March 1st, at The Portland Hospital, to The Portland Hospital, to The Portland Hospital, to Santh 2004. FREEDMAN - On March 1st, at
The Portland Hospital, to
Ruth and Gary, twins,
Joshus and Jordan, brothers
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Swan) and Patrick, a son,
Frederick, a brother for,
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Micholas Guildford to Mary (née North) and Raymond a daughter, sister to Alexandra.

JAFFRAY - On March Stin
1990. to Sir William and
Lady Jaffray, a son, William
Lavyrance Paget.

JOHNSTON - On March 6th, to
Caroline (née Thornton) and
Stuart. I with daughters
(Heuristia Loude and Rachel
Mary).

LAMSTON - On March Sti, to
Vanda (née Agnew) and
Julian, a daughter, Georgina.

MeCUSEMI - On March 1st, to
Flora (née Barron) and John,
a son, Andrew James, a
brother for Catherine.

NOBLE - On February 28th
1990, to Virginia (née
Wetherall) and David, a son,
Alexander David, a brother
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ALLEN - On March 7th,
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beloved mother of Salty,
Gillian, David and Jane,
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March 9th at 11 am. No
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CALDICOTT - On March 1st
1990, Richard Woodruff,
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pm and Sunday 6 pm.

BURRANT - On March 2nd suddenly at home in Cambridge, Beryl aged 90.

Beloved widow of Philip John.

Trumpington Parish Church at 2 pm Tuesday March 13th. No flowers donations if desired to The Childrens' Society. Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WCIX OJL. MARCH 18

> Two days of rioting followed the introduction of Frederick Robinson's (later 1st Earl of Ripon) Bill allowing

> the import of duty free wheat only when the domestic price rose to 80

support of it. There had previously

lobby and avenues of the house, and

constables had been posted in them.

About one o'clock the doors of the

while continued crowded, and an

order given to clear them was executed with difficulty. The avenue

to the House through Westminster

Hall was then closed and a strong

party of constables was placed at

each door, leaving the portico pas-

sage, opposite Westminster Abbey,

the only one open for the admission

to quit the lobby and passages, took post on the outside of the house. In

these groups there were several who

were well acquainted with the per-

sons of many loading Members of

both Houses, and who pointed them

out as they came down to attend their

duty - "That is Lord Grenville -that Lord Stanhope - that the

Chancellor of the Exchequer," and

hooting of appleuse followed as the Member pessing was known to be

friendly or unfriendly to the Corn

Meanwhile loud shouts of "No

Corn Bills raised without the House, were distinctly heard within it. For

some time the groups confined

The persons who were thus forced

of members. ...

en a great number of persons in the

in San Francisco.

SHEPHERD - On March 5th, peacefully in Chase Farm Hospital, Major Freddie Augustus M.C., aged 72 years. Much loved brother and uncle. Funeral Service at Northaw Parish Church on Wednesday March 14th at 1.30 pm. Flowers to W.J. Murray & Son. 234 High Street, Waltham Cross. ENS 702. Please sand a donation to your regional office (see Yallow Pagas) o to the Bullish Heart Foundation, 182 Gloscouter Pleas, London WHI 40H. ON THIS DAY 1815 themselves to these manifestations of pleasure or displeasure. At length many of the carriages of the Members were stopped, and the Members were forced to walk through the crowd amidst hooting and hissing. The civil power now was deemed insufficient for the protection of the Members, and the Magistrates hav-

ing applied to the SPEAKER, reshillings per quarter. ceived an order to call in military to act under the civil power. As will be seen from the report which was gave of the proceedings of the House of Commons, several RIOTOUS Members in their approach to the house were placed in considerable danger. Among these were the Attor-ney General, Mr. Croker, and Sir R. PROCEEDINGS ON MONDAY NIGHT About the usual hour of the Meeting Heron. The latter Gentleman had of Parliament, there were assembled one of the skirts of his coat torn off in in different parts, from George-street the tumult. The military had succeeded in suppressing the turnult near the house, and the immediate to Abingdon-street, various groups of persons, not numerous at first, all declaiming against the Corn Bill, and

inveighing against such of the mem-bers as had been most active in other parts of the town. About 10 o'clock they proceeded to Lord Eldon's in Bedford-square. The mob tore up some of the iron railings before his Lordship's door, and these to prevent too great a pressure and were used as weapons to force an entrance. This they soon effected, gallery were opened, and it was instantly filled. The passges meanand after breaking every pane of glass within their reach, destroyed such of the furniture as they could lay hold of. The military at the Museum had been sent for, and got into the house by the back way, but the work of the

> Mr ROBINSON'S HOUSE. - Not less the object of their fury was Mr. Robinson's, because he had introduced the Corn Regulations. Having supposed his residence to be in Charles street, St. James's-square, they went thither, and did not leave the street till they learned he had removed to Burlington-street. As soon as they had fixed upon his house, they broke the windows in every floor, demolished the parlour shutters, and split the door into pieces. The iron rails before the house were torn up, and instantly carried off. Rushing into the house, they then cut to pieces many valuable pictures, destroyed some of the larger pieces of furniture, and threw the rest

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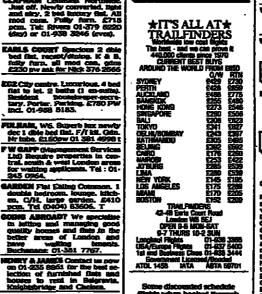
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NOTICE 28 HEREBY CIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Until a Meeting of Creditors of the stowe termed Company will be held at 39 park Street. London W1Y 3840 on Monday 1920 March 1990 at 12.00 midday for the purposes mentioned in Section 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

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Dated 1st day of
Jac. Heath Liouidator

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver R.F. Nicholis Lambes Registered number: 745651. Trading name: Nicholis Care Omires Nature of business. Deuters in invalid Geringtes. Trade classification: 22. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 21. Petrusry 1990 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. National Westminister Bank Pt. Pt. Oppo FCA and GA Augel FCA. Jobal Administrative Receivers.

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CONTRAIN NUMBER 1653720
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OF ADVANCETIND LIMITED
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and Mr Richard Victor Verburgh
Selchtin of Price Waterhouse,
No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1
902 was appointed seguidator by
the staretholders.
The itendator gives notice purveant to Rule 4.182A of the desolvency Rules 1986 that the
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must send details. In writing, of
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must send details. In writing, of stay claim against the company to the Besidantor, at the above ad-dress by the 30 March 1990 which is the hast day for proving claims. The Besidant also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to crefitors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

will not be included in the distribution. In the company of the known creditors in full. Dated this list day of March 1990 RVY Seicham. Liquidator

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Dates the 25rd day of February 1990
By Order of the Board
N Brooker Eng Director
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AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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I, John Martin Bredder of Cork
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appointed Liquidator of the and
Company on the 1st March 1990
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debts are proved.
Deled that 1st day
of March 1990 J.C. Heath Liouidator

Notice of aspontament of Administrative Receiver Nicholis Vehicles Distributory Limited. Registered number: 1400468 Nature of business. N V Products Trude classification 22 Oate of aspontament of administrative receivers 21 Februery 1990 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Nicholis Westmanster Bank Fe.

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Guilly. Shelley House. 3 Noble Street. London ECZV 7DQ was appointed Liquidalor of the said Company on the lat March 1990 by the Company on the lat March 1990 by the Company on the lat March 1990 he company on the lat March 1990 he company which is being voluntarity wound up, are required on or before the thirtieth day of April 1990, to send in their half forestmes and descriptions, their settlements and descriptions, their settlement of their debts or classes and their debts of Cork Guily Shelley House 3 Noble Street, London ECZV 7DC the Liquidator of the said Company and it so required by solice in writing from the said tompany and it so required by their Solicitors, to come in and specified in such another or classes at such time and place as shall be specified in such another or in default thereof they will be excluded as the company of March 1990 JM. Irediable Liquidator.

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March 1990
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**HEALTH** 

#### New medical techniques but old laws spell trouble for

childless couples. **Thomson Prentice** 

investigates

he laws of nature and of man seem to have conspired cruelly against Sally Robertson, leaving her and her family stranded as a test case somewhere between the two. Mrs Robertson, now in her early thirties, desperately wanted to be a

mother, but discovered as a teenager that she was physically incapable of bearing children. Yesterday she cra-dled twin babies in her arms and spoke defiantly of her right to call them her own.

According to the law, a mother is the person from whose womb a child is born. But in Mrs Robertson's case, the infants, a boy and a girl, emerged from the womb of a surrogate mother. They are test-tube babies, conceived from Mrs Robertson's eggs and her husband's sperm after in-vitro

fertilization (IVF) in an infertility clinic. The two embryos were then implanted in the surrogate mother and the twins were born last summer. Soon afterwards the surrogate willingly handed them over to Mrs Robertson and her husband John, aged 32, a computer operator, and was paid £4,000 in a private arrangement (commercial agencies arranging surrogacies are illegal in Britain).

The crucial question is: who are the lawful parents of the babies? Normally in surrogacy arrangements, the surrogate's own eggs are fertilized with sperm from the husband of the commissioning couple through artificial insemination. In these cases the couple have to adopt the children; otherwise, the surrogate mother and her husband are regarded as the legal parents.

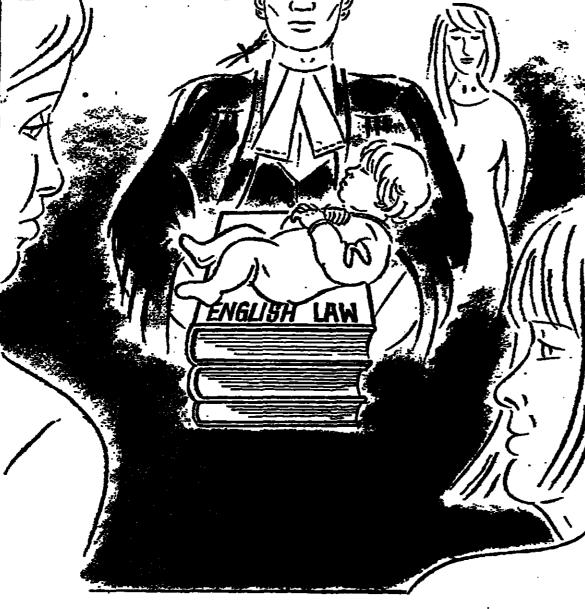
But the Robertsons' case is possibly unique. They claim that since they created the embryos, they are the genetic parents of the twins, and that this should be recognized in law. Now the twins' birth has sparked an emotional legal battle which may redefine motherhood, and could lead to changes in the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill, soon to be debated in the House of Commons, and has implications for all couples contemplating surrogacy.

Concerned by the legal ramifications of the Robertson case, the local authority where they live has intervened. It says the couple have no legal rights towards the children. Even though the surrogate mother and her husband have relinquished all interest in the babies, the authority argues that they remain the lawful parents, and is seeking a High Court ruling.

While the case works its way slowly through the courts, a legal injunction aimed at protecting the children prevents any of the participants from being identified publicly - Sally and John Robertson are not the couple's

But their dilemma is all too real. "When we married five years ago we mittee. When the committee finally been born with ovaries, but no womb," Mrs Robertson says. "We with her husband's sperm. Two wanted to create our own children so resultant embryos were then immuch, and decided the only possible answer was to find a surrogate treatment cost about £2,000. mother." The couple contacted an Remarkably (because only a agency in Scotland, run by a woman who had herself had a baby through a surrogate mother some years earlier. She now advises couples in a similar

The agency introduced Mrs Robertson to Elizabeth Blake (another trip to visit her several times. pseudonym), who had given birth to three children of her own and was seven weeks prematurely, and were



# Babes not out of the legal wood

as a surrogate mother. "This was wonderful news for us. I liked Elizabeth and trusted her. It couldn't be just anyone who was going to carry

my baby," Mrs Robertson says.

The couple then had to find a doctor who was willing to perform in-vitro fertilization for them. This proved more difficult; because they feel the law on surrogacy agreements is unclear, many doctors are reluctant to become involved in such cases. Although the practice itself is not illegal, the British Medical Association has deep misgivings and is currently preparing new ethical guidelines for doctors.

Eventually the Robertsons persuaded a specialist to help, but only after he had taken their case several times to his hospital's ethical comagreed. Mrs Robertson's e removed from her ovaries and mixed planted in Mrs Blake's womb. The

Remarkably (because only a minority of IVF embryo implantations result in full-term pregnancies), the technique worked perfectly, and Mrs Blake was told she was expecting twins. During the pregnancy the Robertsons made the 300-mile round Last summer, the babies were born

now, at the age of 25, prepared to act admitted to a hospital's intensive care unit. The Robertsons first saw the twins when they were four hours old. They were able to look, but not touch, and they were not allowed to be alone

> with them. Mrs Blake had little sight of the infants. She held them only once, when they were three weeks old, and then handed them to the Robertsons. "I never thought of myself as their mother, and I still don't. I never will," she said yesterday. "I knew what I was doing and I did it for their real parents. I have absolutely no regrets."

> s the babies improved in intensive care, life for the Robertsons was rapidly becoming more difficult. Hospital officials and social workers who became involved were perplexed by the surrogacy arrange-Robertsons were asked to sign application forms to become the children's foster parents. Reluctantly, they signed. "It was a compromise to allow us to take the children home. We didn't see ourselves as foster parents. We were the biological parents," Mr Robertson says. They are even more adamant that they will not apply to adopt the children, although that might be the easiest course.

The two firms of solicitors acting for the families are in full agreement

that the law should recognize the

Robertsons as the genetic parents and

grant them that status. Both acknowledge the great hazard in all surrogacy arrangements: that the surrogate mother will change her mind and decide she wants to keep the baby. If so, the law must be able to defend her, they believe. But if no such problem arises, the genetic parents should be recognized as the father and mother.

Yesterday Mr Mark Edmundson, of the Smith Partnership of solicitors in Derby, representing Mrs Blake, said: "We concur with the views of the couple and we are fully behind their efforts. Our view is that the children

are rightfully theirs." Professor Ian Craft, a leading infertility and IVF specialist at the Humana Hospital Wellington in London, says: "How lacking in compassion can the law be? I have great sympathy for those people who need surrogacy. If there is a medical case for no womb, I think surrogacy can be cruite iustifiable."

According to the agency, there are many such couples. "We have seven other women, all born without a womb, asking for our help. The law needs to be changed to help them in particular," its spokesman said. The Robertsons have nowhere to go

now but to the High Court. "We have been through a lot, but we are survivors, and so are our babies," Mrs Robertson says. "We love them and want to protect their future, and we aren't going to give up now."

# Tense and irritable

Kingsley Amis's recent frank comments in the Press about problems facing sufferers from the irritable bowel syndrome will please gastroenterologists,

who have found that a not unnatural reluctance to talk

about bowel diseases has discouraged the public from supporting hospitals which make a speciality of treating them. This lack of funding has inhibited research. In the United States irritable bowel disease

accounts for around half of all referrals to specialist gastroenterologists. The multiplicity of its symptoms, which mimic many other diseases, but a coexistent lack of specific physical signs mean that diagnosis can be made only by exclusion, after lengthy investigations, of other, more sinister troubles. The Edwardians knew the irritable bowel syndrome as spastic colitis, and by the interwar years it had become known as mucous colitis; but whatever name the disease is known by, it is associated with lower abdominal pain, flatulence, a feeling of bloating, diarrhoea and/or constipation these last two symptoms may alternate. The diarrhoea may be precipitous, often triggered

#### Coffee break



port in the British Medical Journal on the association becoffee drinking and an increased risk of heart

disease comes from Norway. Over the past 10 years there have been numerous research studies which have demonstrated this possible link, but this one perhaps provides the best evidence yet that the dangers of coffee may in part be independent of its proven influence on serum

The Norwegian doctors admit that differences in the statistics collected from the various groups of people stud-ied make it impossible, without further research, to state categorically that excessive coffee drinking is a factor in the causation of coronary arterial disease; but the evidence is strong enough to make it wise for people to limit their coffee consumption to fewer than five cups (not office mugs) a day.

Other evidence suggests that coffee is more harmful when it has been stewed, brewed or boiled - however reassuring and homely the sound of coffee perculating on the hob is, it may in fact turn out to be an ominous danger

Coffee drinking has been Late Weight the subject of so many recent research projects that the magazine Pulse has summarized the advantages and disadvantages which have been claimed for it. All research into coffee drinking is confused by the influence of other lifestyle factors, such as tion, personality and diet, which are linked to heavy coffee drinking; but even so, they have come to some conclusions. Coffee drinking does have benefits as well as debits. Pulse quotes the Ar-chives of Medicine, which reported that it improves an older person's sex life. In a series of over 800 marriages where both partners were over 60, 62 per cent of regular coffee drinkers still had an active sex life compared with

#### MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

to be impotent, although

sixties. Earlier suggestions

Coffee, too, can apparently

be a useful adjunct in the

treatment of asthmatics, for it

is a bronchodilator. In pa-

tients who are taking cytotoxic

(anti-cancer) drugs, it exerts a mildly protective effect on the

bone marrow, and in other

people may reduce the chance

of developing cancer of the colon. In moderate amounts it

elevates mood and increases

The disadvantages of coffee

are mainly related to its

tendency to cause agitation,

tremor, anxiety, insomnia and heart disease. It increases the

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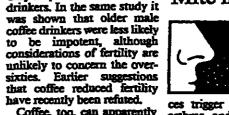
been increased by those present - dinner with the boss, or an exciting companion of the opposite sex, will do little for the sufferer's digestion and may lead to an undignified rush from the table. This intestinal hurry is due to an oversensitivity of the gut to

the hormones gastrin and cholocystokinine

a meal when tensions have

It can be difficult to distinguish the symptoms of diverticulitis from those of the irritable bowel syndrome, but patients are usually so relieved once they are reassured that tests have failed to show any malignancy that their condition improves. Long-term treatment includes a change of diet to a spiceless, bland menu, with less alcohol and little coffee. For those troubled by flatulence beans, other legumes and vegetables of the cabbage family should be avoided. Recently there has been emphasis on the personality of the patients, for although it is well recognized that sufferers from irritable bowel syndrome are unusua tense people, it is increasingly becoming acknowledged that this tension may conceal an underlying, treatable depressive state.

#### only 37 per cent of non-coffee Mite nights



A mattress or pillow makes. the ideal environment for the house mite, the microscopic insect whose fac. ces trigger many attacks of ... asthma and allergic rhinitis (runny noses). Bedding is not

the only home of the mite; as ' fitted carnets have spread, so . has the incidence of asthma. Carpets can be periodically washed with a solution . containing an acaricide toxic to the mite, or even replaced . by hardwood floors, but it is, difficult to do without bedding. Freezing mattresses with liquid nitrogen proved to be. an interesting experiment, but an impracticable solution in . the normal household; nor do : asthmatic children welcome any suggestion that they should sleep on a sweat-

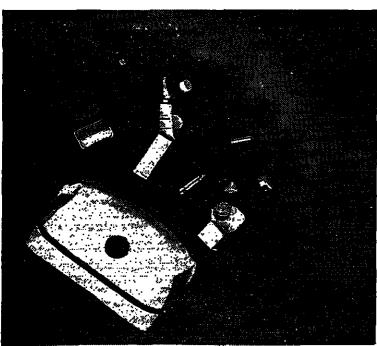
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# Drag of a drug

Quit, formerly the National Society of Non-Smokers, in 1987. Before that I was a research biochemist, so I have a very good understanding of how smoking affects the body. No Smoking Day (March 14) is a very busy time for us, but every day we get about 500 calls on the smokers's Quitline (01-323 0505), which smokers can call from anywhere in the country for counselling and

advice. I was 17 when I started smoking. I think I started mainly because I thought it would help to keep my weight in check, and I then carried on smoking for seven years, until 1984. I smoked 30 on a good day, 60 on not such a good one. When I stopped I was absolutely panic-stricken because I felt that my crutch had been taken away and I wasn't quite sure how I was going to cope, particularly with my studies.

The main motivation for stopping was wanting to be in control of my life. I hated having it ruled by a packet of tobacco and paper.

I remember the day well. At Sam the night before I was sitting up smoking and thinking how nice it would be to feel healthier and a bit more active and not have pains in my legs. In the morning I got up and I was late for a meeting so I didn't have time for a cigarette - normally I would have had at least two before I even got out of bed. I rushed for the Tube, got to my meeting and by the time I got out it was 11.30 and I'd not had a cigarette. I chucked the packet into a bin, and thought:

"That's it. I've stopped."
The first thing I did that afternoon was to drop half of an experiment in the laboratory sink because my





#### PENNY ROSS

hands were shaking so much. I think it might have been withdrawal, and I was drinking an awful lot of coffee. I was certainly in a bit of a state. I felt very depressed, largely because I had a misconception about what smoking was do-

ing for me.

A lot of people say that they enjoy smoking, but it's not that that makes giving up so difficult. It's the fact that not smoking is so unpleasant for a smoker. There are slight withdrawal symptoms, but once you've broken the nicotine addiction you can cope just as well as you did before - if not better - and not than losing something which is of positive value to you in managing

Stress. I experienced dizziness which happens to a lot of smokers when they first stop, probably because they get an increased amount of oxygen to the brain. But I really felt that I was going to do it, I was absolutely determined that I was going to stop smoking. By hook or by crook I was going to get there, and I went around thinking: "I've stopped for an hour, I've stopped for two hours, I've stopped for a day." But within two to three weeks it really started to get an awful lot easier and gradually

it got to the point were it was

more or less effortless.

Initially, the great thing was getting my sense of smell back. I'm not so inclined to feel that I just want to sit around all day and do nothing.

I put on about half a stone but within about a year of stopping I'd lost that without any effort at all. I didn't substitute food for cigarettes: think there's always a danger that if you do that you end up "smoking" chocolate eclairs.

The main thing I did was take a lot of extra exercise. I started to swim every day, and I've kept that up, on and off, ever since. I changed my diet to make it healthier - lower in fat and higher in fibre. I think I deal with stress

better now. When you'resmoking you tend to con yourself into thinking that you're coping when all you're actually doing is wasting time smoking and not tackling the problem. I try to keep reasonably active - I walk the dog. which is quite helpful in that I come to my desk with a general sense of well-being talk problems out, I don't bottle them up. We teach relaxation techniques like deep breathing on our courses, and very occa-

sionally I use them.



# Campus critic takes a bow

Hendreds of THE TIMES Some chose ing competition in the weekly Campus column

during the Christmas holiday. £4,000 will go to the writer Their brief was to review an judged the best Campus Critic, television, theatre and music were all covered. An entire class of A level English stu-dents reviewed Only Fools and Horses, the National Theatre and the RSC came under

jezz, others orchestral music. The ter prize of a computer werth and there is another computer for the runner-up. Sheridan

judged the reviews; his comments on a new generation of student critics, including fall details of the winners and their prizes, will be published in The scrutiny; so did Blind Date and Times on Saturday.



#### BOOKS

# Wilde's best fan

Fiona MacCarthy reviews the first life of the dilettante who made a career out of the importance of always being with Oscar

obert Ross was present at Oscar Wilde's arrest and - like a good valet - went away to pack a bag for him. Ross was there again on the day Wilde was released, raising his hat as Wilde made his dreary progress through the Court of Bankruptcy, handcuffed, with head bowed. Ross was with Wilde in exile. It was Ross who fetched the priest who received Wilde into the Roman Catholic Church on his deathbed. Ross was present at the funeral and nightmare exhumation, supervising the removal of Wilde's body from its coffin for reburial at Père Lachaise Cemetery in Paris. Finally Ross's own ashes were consigned to their own chamber, ordered Ross from Epstein, within the tomb of Wilde.

Such impeccable devotion always seems a little boring, and Ross's reputation has suffered through the years from the obvious comparison with Lord Alfred Douglas, a much madder, more irascible and entertaining character. But this new biography, the first full life of Ross, shows that he too could be slippery, pugnacious, and reckless. Oscar signed himself once "with best love, dear horrid irritating Robbie". Maureen Borland is a Rossist - she cannot abide Lord Alfred - and she does him a great service in bringing out his horridness; and showing what it was in Ross that irritated Wilde.

Ross was always an outsider. He was born in France and spent his early years in Canada. All his life he spoke with a soft transatiantic accent. He was ashamed and secretive about his childhood, apparently having suffered agonies from being dressed in the "particularly hideous" Ross tartan. By the time he got to Cambridge he was already set on notoriety, and had begun inventing the inscription for his gravestone: "Here lies one whose name is writ in hot water." Light, loyal, homosexual, with a taste for histrionics: he found his role for life

as the friend of Oscar Wilde.

Did Ross in fact initiate Wilde into homosexual practices? Richard Ellmann, in his biography of Wilde, maintains the 17year-old Ross was a determined seducer, introducing Wilde to the oral and intercrural techniques he pursued so obsessively and finally disastrously. Borland denies there is evidence for this, and uses as an argument for its unlikeliness the guiltless friendship that sprang up after Wilde's death between Ross and Wilde's two sons, Cyril and Vyvyan. Curiously, Ellmann uses almost that same argument as proof of Ross's sense of responsibility towards the family of someone he had led into homosexual activity. Of the two, Ellmann's version seems to me most likely: most in

WILDE'S DEVOTED **FRIEND** A Life of Robert Ross 1869-1918 By Maureen Berland
Lennard Publishing, £16.95

tune with Ross's own ambivalence, obliquity. "Although not a moral man neither was he immoral", as Robert Ross described himself with nervy accuracy.

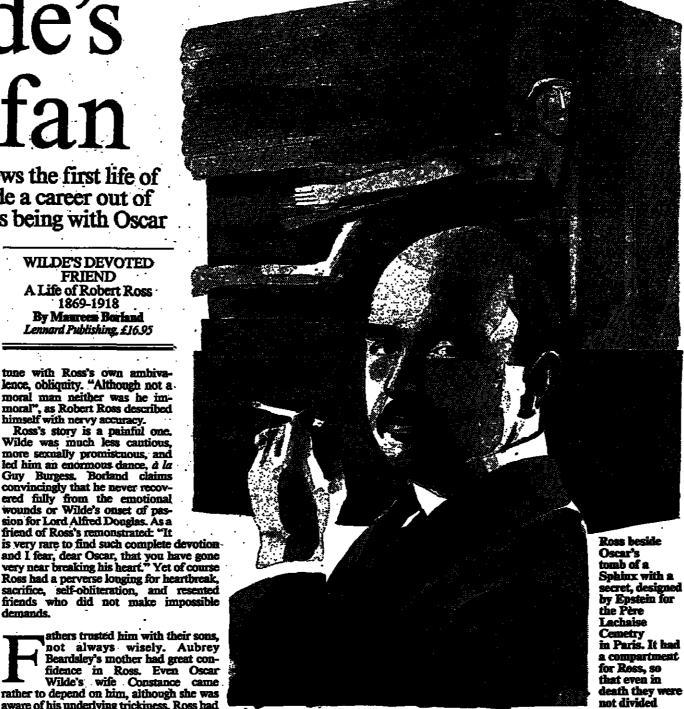
Ross's story is a painful one. Wilde was much less cautious, more sexually promistuous, and led him an enormous dance, a la Guy Burgess. Borland claims convincingly that he never recovwounds or Wilde's onset of pas-sion for Lord Alfred Douglas. As a friend of Ross's remonstrated: "It

and I fear, dear Oscar, that you have gone very near breaking his heart." Yet of course Ross had a perverse longing for heartbreak, sacrifice, self-obliteration, and resented friends who did not make impossible

athers trusted him with their sons, not always wisely. Aubrey Beardsley's mother had great confidence in Ross. Even Oscar Wilde's wife Constance came rather to depend on him, although she was aware of his underlying trickiness. Ross had a kind of cosiness, about which Wilde would tease him, "I love middle-class tragedies," he told him and encouraged him to go on sending letters that sounded like Jane Austen. And indeed Ross's peculiar and interesting mixture of extreme good judge-ment and judgement so abysmal it is difficult to credit belongs particularly to the homosexual middle class.

Professionally, as art critic and gallery director, Ross's perceptiveness was acute. He befriended Aubrey Beardsley, persuad-ing Oscar Wilde to commission Beardsley to illustrate Salome. He supported Roger Fry. He was also an early admirer of Gill in his bronze madonna phase. ("Take her home," he suggested to an undecided customer, with that airy generosity so typical of Ross.)

His personal life was awash with bitter feudings. Ross has up to now been seen as Lord Alfred Douglas's victim, hounded through the courts on vicious trumped-up charges of sodomy, anarchy, and socialism.



But there was a sense in which he was a willing victim. "Litigation" was the recreation entered in Who's Who. His duties as Wilde's literary executor brought him public humiliation. He was frequently defeated. He would not deny the practice of homosexuality, since this would have meant repudiating Wilde.

Maureen Borland belongs to the speculative school of biographers. If Robert Ross had not met Oscar Wilde, he might have become Director of the National Gallery, or curator of the Wallace Collection, or (goodness!) Surveyor of the Royal Pictures. Ross and Douglas had been able to agree, they could have grown old and content together as they reminisced about their days as Wilde's acolytes". Well yes, they might, they might. But with such vacuities Borland is undermining the strength of her own book. Once Ross and Oscar meet there is a terrible inevitability in the events.

People have written better on aspects of Robert Ross: Peter Ackroyd on the sweetness of his character, "the sweetness of those without ambition"; Hugh Brogan on the De Profundis case and Arthur Ransome, Ann Thwaite on Ross's strange relationship with Edmund Gosse. Osbert Sitwell, in six pages of Noble Essences, sums up Ross's purring charm and smooth subversiveness with

much more sparkle than Borland in 300. But we must be grateful for such diligent research, and for Borland's detailed, patient evocation of a world that holds a special fascination for a woman. It is the secret garden that has always been denied us. Ross's flat in Half Moon Street with its mellow subdued tones, the belles lettres in the bookcase, the fresh figs on the table, Egyptian cigarettes, tins of biscuits, and boxes of Turkish delight. Siegfried Sassoon is there to spend a quiet evening. Ascending the stairs is the youthful Noël Coward.

# Poison in suburban jest

rigel Williams's comedy of suburban manners, set in leafy SW19, can be recommended for transforming the bor-ing, daily rattle along the District Line's Wimbledon service. Oncemild speculation about fellow travellers turns into smirking conclusion: the large man opposite is surely Surveyor with Huge Gut and Drink Problem from No 24b Maple Drive? And yet, lots of passengers stay unnoticed, like Henry Farr, hero of The Wimbledon Poisoner, who gets off at

Blackfriars for a solicitor's office.
Farr is a self-confessed Average
Citizen; a white, middle-aged man who lives at 54 Maple Drive with nagging wife and untalented daughter. He does a weekly shop at Waitrose, buys his socks from M & S, and in his spare time fills in income tax forms or works at his nine-volume Complete History of Wimbledon. This of course is familiar fictional territory, as Farr would be the first to admit. Being fat, 40, hating one's wife and job is normal; he longs to be Interesting. He fantasizes about swapping Elinor and Maisie and 54 Maple Drive for some villa with a swimming pool in Marbella complete with leggy blonde with a first in physics and an insatiable appetite for sex in strange positions, but resolves instead to kill

With comic-strip ease Farr obtains some lethally undetectable poison and serves up Chicken Thallium, only for Elinor to pass the plate on to an unexpected guest who eats it, cops it, and supplies the venue for Farr's next attempt — the suburban funeral party. Soon he has four deaths on his conscience, and Detective Inspector Rush CID at his door enquiring about a certain Vic-torian Wimbledon poisoner. Could Rush be another local historian, or is he playing a game

to elicit a confession? Up to this point, the author has allowed his reader to sit back and enjoy a crackling display of black comedy, indulged with set-piece after set-piece (not to mention hyphen after upper-case letter). It is very, very funny; the writing is sprightly, the caricatures spot on, and the contemporaneity teasing. But as farce gives way to murderinvestigation, the reader is prodded rudely into action: what is all this poison business about anyway? One feels obliged to have a go at analysing the implications of the metaphor — the poisoning of the environment with chemicals, of Britain with immigrants, of the mind with therapy, of happiness with middle-class ambition.

#### FICTION

Sarah Edworthy

THE WIMBLEDON POISONER By Nigel Williams Faber, £12.99 SOME CAN WHISTLE By Larry McMurty Constable, £12.95 THE COVER ARTIST By Paul Micon

Is the comic protagonist always A-Bumbling-Hero-I figure? Some Can Whistle seems at first to introduce the American version: the happy, helpless, nice guy who is left shrugging his shoulders and asking: "Why is all this happening to me?" Danny Deck leads a reclusive life in Texas, having made a fortune from Al and Sal, his 198-episode "top-grossing TV sitcom". Pretty well the only humans he talks to are movie stars who leave elaborate monologues on his answering machine.

But then TR, the daughter Deck has never seen, arrives with her two children, Bo and Jesse; one lover, Muddy, who is a failed burglar, and another, Earl Dee, who is an all-too-successful psychopath. TR brings her father all the domestic crises and worries, the family fun, discord, tragedies — in short, all the stuff he had to imagine to write "Al and Sal" — and his com-placency is quite literally shot through.

The Cover Artist is a less successful version of the "funny and moving" school, though Paul Micou has targeted a few totally real Americans in his tale of Oscar Lemoine, celebrated nude caricaturist for Lowdown magazine and of Elizabeth, his painting dog, an exponent of Canine Expressionism. The two move between the South of France, where Oscar is taken up by the libertine Euro-rich, and New York, where he watches the burnout of his all-American, Harvardhero Wall Street brother.

There is much fun with an "ace" TV reporter and the satirical magazine (religious cartoon-strips called "Nun of the Above" etc.), but I was too often diverted by questions like why the dog isn't in quarantine, and how Veronique can be so beautiful when short, shock-white hair and unnaturally green eyes sound more like the features of an alien.

#### **NEW HARDBACKS**

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books: The Berg Companion, edited by Douglas Jarman (Macmillan, £29.50). The Building of Castle Howard, by Charles Saumarez Smith (Faber, £17.99) Howard, Vanburgh, Hawksmoor, and the greatest country house. Masks of Conquest, Literary Study and British Rule in India, by Gauri Viswanathan (Faber, £20) Eng Lit as camouflage, propaganda, control. Last Drawings of Christopher Isherwood, by Don Bachardy, texts by Don Bachardy, John Russell & Stephen Spender (Faber, £25). The New Cambridge History of India, The Politics of India Since Independence, by Paul R. Brass, Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India, by Kenneth W. Jones, and Vijayanagara, by Burton Stein (Cambridge, £22.50, £19.50, and £19.50) Latest vols in vast panorama. On God's Side, A Life of George Tyrrell, by Nicholas Sagovsky (Oxford, £30) Modernist Jesuit condemned, 1907, and excommuni The Passion Play, From the N. Town Manuscript, edited by Peter Meredith (Longman, £40) Precious 15th-century East-Anglian source.

A Shout in the Street, The Modern City, by Peter Jukes (Faber, £14.99)

#### SATURDAY

Louise Brooks (right), Yeltsin's radical memoirs. P. J. Kavanagh's roots, Granta's New Europe, paperback fiction



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#### Amiable, dispassionate romance of the way we live, and love, now

In this sequel to John Morti-▲ Postponed, Leslie Titmuss the wonderfully non-U Tory procures a pretty widow and an ugly problem. Because he is bored by his job as Secretary of State for Planning, he feels ready to settle Planning, he feels ready to settle down with a nice well-bred wife at the manor house he had bought as a marriage bribe. Then comes the problem — when he finds that his own department is negotiating for a New Town at the bottom of his garden. He cannot bear to upset his fragile Jenny — who loves weeding the grounds in a desultory upper-class way while exploding large gooseberries in her mouth large gooseberries in her mouth so he secretly opposes the developers he is expected to support. At the same time he tries to solve another domestic problem. To overcome his jealousy of Jenny's adored dead husband he presents her with a private detective's evidence of the man's life of lying and lechery. Jenny, who is so delicate that she can hardly raise a

beer tankard to her lips, turns surprisingly nasty. "I shall forgive you," she says. "For what you have done to me." Mr Mortimer is especially good at the subtle collision of personal-

failed to stop. Nobody seems to New Town jokes

NOVEL OF THE WEEK

**Kenneth Robinson** 

TITMUSS REGAINED

By John Mortimer Viking, £13.99

ities, and after hearing this dev-astating one-liner Leslie Titmuss, who could never accept forgive-ness from anybody leaves his wife and house "to go and live in the future". "After all," he says "I made it happen." This future includes the New Town he has

Mortimer, whose publishers insist that he has given us his strongest statement yet about modern To me it comes across as a wryly

dispassionate statement - with a gratifying lack of political comment - about the marvellously exuberant way we are revitalizing our lives amid hamburger bars, pedestrian precincts, and healthfood shops. But I was even more impressed by the author's understatement about modern loving.

It was not until I had finished

the book that I noticed its blurb was offering "a compelling love story". I promptly flipped back through the pages for any saucy bits I might have missed pausing for one breathtaking moment when Jenny is said to be admiring her husband's "tail tweaking propensities". As it turns out, he uses these only among consenting politicians. But then I came across John Mortimer's nicely understated account of the lovers' behaviour. "They got on well," he says - and you can almost hear the pounding feet of panting scriptwriters offering tele-vision treatments — "in bed."

# Rebel with a cause.

(Boris Yeltzin

at Dillons.) Your only opportunity to meet

radical Russian Deputy Boris Yeltsin will be at Dillons Bloomsbury bookstore on Saturday 10th March

2.30-3.30pm when he will be signing copies of his brand new book 'Against the Grain', published by Cape. If you can't be there call 0800 28:26:29 and, if there are any extra copies, we will reserve one for you on a first come first served basis.



# Stop the culture vultures

f not quite ominous, it is certainly perturbing to dis-cover microfiches tucked into a book's back pocket; but in this case there is no need for concern, since Dr Greenfield's invaluable study of an emotive, if minor universal irritation makes a good read. She brings style, enthusiasm, and the mind of an international lawyer to the complex historical, legal, and political issues surrounding that recently named phenomenon, "cultural property"; and how and when a vast range of objects came into their current

owners' possession. This naturally leads her to discuss heritage law, national as well as UNESCO recommendations, and Council of Europe conventions, which, sadly, lack the teeth to ensure that property that belongs in law to the inhabitants of its place of origin is returned, however loud the squeals of the current owner. It rarely is, "for there is in this matter no magnanimity without duress". Many museum directors could confirm that such duress is common, and does not always come from foreign governments and their agencies. On a minor scale, I have had to resist Whitehall pressure to become a "broker in the international goodwill trade", and help to make short-

term capital out of the permanent

loss of a valued exhibit.

William Reid

THE RETURN OF CULTURAL TREASURES By Jeanette Greenfield Cambridge, £32.50

What could easily be a dry-as-

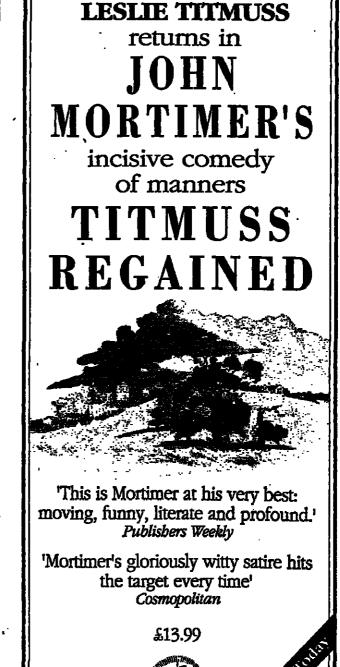
dust subject is made as interesting as it is informative by the nature of the leading actors. Appellants and "looters" alike are seen without exception as obsessive. personalities, whose ranks include as disparate a cast as you could find in any antiquarian plot-flashy, political Malraux the collector, General Moshe Dayan, as ruthless as an illegal digger as he was as a soldier.

Nine maps showing donor and destination countries confirm the global nature of the problem, and suggest that the biens culturels trade will be reduced only by drastic action like that which saved the Mountain Gorilla. One feels for poor UNESCO and its arrophied museum wing, ICOM, when reading reports that an English peer of the realm has commissioned Sotheby's Holdines Inc., New York, to sell in Zurich a silver hoard of unknown but probably Balkan origin, bought from a Lebanese dealer under the aegis of an export

licence the auctioneers believe to be "absolutely valid". Among examples of the activities of those who follow a trade that existed before the last stone was laid in the pyramid at Gizeh, are this year's armed assault on Herculaneum's treasury, and the reminder that more than one object of art or antiquity is stolen in Italy for resale or ransom every hour.
As Dr Greenfield makes clear in

a book of balanced judgement, with little sonance of grinding axes, it is not unusual to find several parties to each act of removal or restitution: conspirators of every social and intellectual level, driven by an amalgam of cupidity, envy, professional conceit, ambition, and political opportunism, but rarely by a sense of duty. Anyone seeing the evidence of some unknown archaeological site, as it spills from an indigent Iranian's bandana to be sold for just enough to encourage further ravages, knows that the laws interpreted here are powerless to ensure that when the skull of Peking Man II comes to light it will not end up in a cabinet of curiosities of less evidential

value even than Elias Ashmole's. This is a book for everyone concerned about Earth's scientific, historic, and artistic heritage: not least the officials who advise the Minister for the Arts and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.



TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

Somewhere deep in the West London corridors of the BBC's culture department. I like to imagine an especially esoteric contest being waged to discover which producer can make the programme that least resembles what viewers might be led to expect by its title.

Those of us who occasionally mutter that Omnibus and Arena might as well now be called "What's On TV Tonight" for all the relationship they bear to any specific arts brief, are usually told to switch over to the Late Show on BBC 2 where instead of a brisk roundup of arts news, you will as likely as not find a discussion on the significance of the necktie in post-modernist Algerian stained

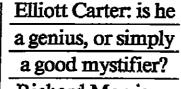
But the contest winger thus far has to be the maker of last night's Bookmark on BBC 2: in a week of at least three major new novels and a couple of biographies, some ssion of one of them or of the general crisis in publishing might have been expected of a pro-gramme like this, even one that does only seem to make it onto the air one week in about four.

But no such lack. Bookmark managed to devote its entire 50 minutes to a pre-literary tribe in Central Brazil which doubtless still believes that paperbacks are what you build houses with. If the programme had gone out with Joan Bakewell up front, it could have been Heart of the Matter; if David Attenborough, it could doubtless have made the anthropological slot. As a film, Jean-Paul Davidson's documentary had a kind of gloomy fascination; as a bookmark, it made about as much sse as asing highlights from

So far as I can make out, the reason nobody around the BBC wants to make real studio-based critical arts programmes any more is that it's a lot more fun to drift off to Brazil in search of people who have never even heard of Salman Rushdie. But it does seem quite remarkable that at least a decade after Melvyn left his book shows for the South Bank, the BBC has never bothered to replace them.

But over on Channel 4, where Signals is still managing to come up with film after film suggesting that there at least arts is not yet a four-letter word, The Elephant's Loo was the story of the irreveres title given locally to an amazingly eccentric and megalomanic East German painting which is also symbolic of the old Communist culture at its most monolithic. The conflicts of art and politics and the constant miraculous subversiveness of the artist were all themes admirably suited to an arts programme that still knows what it is





Richard Morrison profiles America's foremost composer

veryone is entitled to one big change of mind. Elliott Carter, the giant of contemporary music who flies into London this week, made his in the Arizona Desert in 1950. Ostensibly fleeing from New York pressures, he ended up escaping from a whole bag of preconceptions.

In the Thirties we were all comparatively Leftist. There was this feeling that music, at a time of social emergency, should not be élitist. But after the war I realized that there's no sense in trying to write for 'the public', because no one really has any idea of what public expectation is. So from then on I wrote what I liked." He emerged from the desert with

his First String Quartet. Adjectives

that have stuck with his music ever since were born in that momen complex, dense, intellectual, craggy, difficult. In the 1960s, when such qualities were prized, he was regularly hailed as America's greatest composer. Now, American composers have mostly gone simple, neo-romantic and minimal, and the "greatest" epithet is less often heard. Carter admits he is unsympathetic to present trends. The disturbing thing about minimalism is that there are so many notes. It's not minimal at all in what you hear, rather, in the thought that has gone into it."

Such statements make Carter, 82 this year, sound like some outdated Cold Warrior of long-forgotten musical wars. Nothing could be further from the reality of the man. The epitome of liberal Greenwich

# a genius, or simply a good mystifier? Master of complexity



Composer Elliott Carter: "There is no sense in trying to write for 'the public', because no-one really has any idea of what public expectation is."

Village, where he has lived most of his life, he exudes civility and wit; he will undoubtedly charm any Royal Academy of Music student dannted by the thought of having to perform his tricky music all next

"One of the most important things to have happened since the war is that they are teaching conservatoire students to play contemporary music. In fact, at the Eastman School in New York I'm told they won't let students play music older than 50 years. Pity, it cuts out some of mine."

The works which have brought Carter his greatest fame - the massive 1976 Symphony for Three Orchestras, the dazzling Concerto

for Orchestra, the string quartets (the Second won a Pulitzer Prize) and other virtuosic chamber works - have also provided ammunition to his detractors. On the one hand, there is the fascination of fathoming their knotty complications; he is famous for setting himself a new structural challenge with each work. In particular there are his "metric modulations": the dizzying whooshes of gathering pace, as the super-imposed metres collide in glorious coincidence at crucial points in his score ("Chopin does

slightly mysterionsly.) On the other hand, there are charges that Carter has made a cult of virtuosity, that he loves a display

the same thing," claims Carter,

of complexity for its own sake. John Rockwell of the New York Times has led the critical assault, describing Carter's music as "curiously constrained, flawed by a lack of inner clarity and expressive

Anecdotal evidence supports this thesis of over-complexity; did Carter not take six months simply to proof-read his Concerto for Orchestra? Did even the perfectionist, super-precise Pierre Boulez come nowhere near exactitude in his recording of the Symphony for Three Orchestras?

Carter sees things differently. .Asked about the bewildering structs, he disarmingly points to

jazz as an influence, or (more unexpected still) to his Harvard student days singing in the Glee Club. "I was fascinated by the madrigals of Weelkes and Wilbye. Later, when I went to Paris to study with Nadia Boulanger, I discovered the 16th-century Italian madrigalists as well. Their influence has remained with me ever since. Of course, the polyrhythms and counterpoint have

become a little more complex . . . " Moreover, he finds it "rather shocking" that some music-lovers claim to have no emotional response whatsoever to modern music. "I read these dismal surveys which say that audiences find even the neo-classical works of

Stravinsky unintelligible. Well, if they think that, they must think the same about Mozart." Just as Carter has stuck to traditional notation, rather than

being seduced by the pretty squiggles and smears of "graphic notation", he has also stuck to traditional instruments. Why no experiments with electronics? "Because all the electronic music I heard seemed primitive. I used to know a lot of electronic composers - and the amount of time they put into something that was, frankly, beby-talk was staggering."

It is a pity that Carter has neve written an opera, given that his songs and choral pieces show such an intuitive understanding of American poets such as Lowell and Dickinson. "Well, I agree with you. But the texts that interest me in contemporary theatre - Beck, ett, Pinter, Genet - are not what American opera audiences want to hear. And our opers companies are not subsidized sufficiently in allow them to do anything very

Is the current American music scene healthy? "We certainly have an enormous number of composiers - 20,000, I understand. I boasted about this to a Frenchi recently, and he said that's nothing there are 100,000 painters in Paris'. The problem is that in American culture the past is not only forgotten, it's irretrievable. Each new generation wipes out the older one's work. All efforts, become ephemeral; there's no sense of creating a store of classics

to be drawn upon, as in Europe." But Carter is clearly not as ephemeral as he fears. He has just received a giant doctoral thesis from an Oxford graduate, un covering every hidden process in his music. Does Carter understand it? "Not entirely. But I'm enjoying being reminded of how I worked all those things out, years ago."

 Elliott Carter is composer-in-re-idence at the Royal Academy of Music's American Music Festival Performances throughout next week (telephone 01-935 5461 for details)

#### A lesson in humanity

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

> Joe Turner's Come and Gone Tricycle

Those who admired August Wilson's Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, still at the National, should find plenty to applaud here. His Joe Turner may ramble and meander a bit too, but it has more excuse, being about footloose people as unsure of their emotional destina-

tions as their geographic ones. In Ma Rainey, Wilson's exem-plary place and period was a Chicago recording studio in 1927. Here it is a lodging house in 1911 Pittsburg. As a vacuum intermittently filled by the impermanent, it makes an apt setting for a play about rootlessness.

Those passing through include a woman deserted by her lover after their children died, and a boyish labourer in search of some woman, any woman. But then most of the cast seem to be helplessly looking for elusive others. That is why the play's sole white, descendant of slave-traders and trackers of runaway blacks, has turned to a local industry: "people-finder" or professional

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reconciler of separated relatives. That is also why one of the play's more arresting characters spends his days examining pigeon entrails and performing rituals with exotic herbs. As played by Joseph Marcell, with a gentle smile and a shimmer in the eyes, he is a benign sort of magician. But his claim is to give lost people control over their lives. Some hope in this shabby corner of the American dream.

Not all Wilson's case-studies are equally interesting. He might have concentrated more on the lay preacher searching for his wife after being pressed into a chain gang for seven years.

Tony Armatrading, who plays the role, is more effective at dangerously smouldering than splintering into emotional shrapnel; but in his black hat and overcoat he cuts a marvellously uchrai, brooding figure.

The play can seem wordy, and the words themselves less than fresh. The ending is wishful, the acting in Claude Purdy's production uneven. But at best we get a strong sense of the rejection, damage and cultural confusions Afro-Americans still carry in their race-memories - and of the imagination and resilience of some of their ancestors. A history lesson, yes; but one taught with humanity and love.

Quite apart from its 100 years of pioneering adult education for allcomers in south London, Morley College has another remarkable distinction. Its succession of music directors has included the composers Gustav Holst, Michael Tippett, Peter Racine Fricker and John Gardner.

Many American universities with millions of dollars endowed in professorships, have fared much worse. But then, money cannot usually buy idealism. Last night's centennial celebra-

tion concert in Southwark Cathedral fittingly included music by them all. It was performed by the college's choir and symphony

#### Homage to idealism

CONCERT Richard Morrison

**Morley College** Centennial Southwark Cathedral

while not permitting close inspection of the music's more intimate detail, at least prevented too critical an examination of the students' technical shortcomings. So Tippett's Praeludium for

ling and clinking instruments, rumbled and spluttered with due mystery. Holst's Choral Fantasia, led by a magnificently gutsy blast of organ (Andrew Lumsden) and some clean solo soprano work (Clare Graydon-James), gave us Robert Bridges's dour thesis of Man's total insignificance. And Fricker's Rondo Scherzoso was gamely delivered, though its fugue was cruel both on the string play-

ers and on the audience. and cheese. Mr Michael Graubart, vibrant.

the present music director, prolike Schoenberg with a migraine," By contrast, John Gardner's Third-Symphony was a tonal, tuneful and compact three-movement effort; its slow movement, spotlight-s ing strings, woodwind and brass in: turn, inspired the best playing Between the music, the lights were lowered for the Mofley College Contemporary Dance Group, performing three short<sup>L</sup> works. From a seat halfway down't the nave, I could see nothing of the" young ladies' body movements -something of a drawback whenreviewing dance. But their eyes the two premieres were as chalk brows looked tremendously

# Out of the shadow of the gunman

to emerge from contemporary Belfast.

talks to Matt Wolf about her latest piece

or a while, says Christina Reid, "Northern Ireland was seeing a play about it. Then everybody got bored, It's terrible: when something goes on for too long, people don't want to see it."

The 47-year-old Belfast-bern writer has been responsible for two of the best Northern Irish plays of the Eighties. Tea In a China Cap was seen at Riverside in 1984, and Joyriders ran at the Tricycle in 1986. Since then, relatively little has been heard from her in London, where she moved with her three daughters three years ago in order to live with the English actor Richard Howard. Last year, the Yew Theatre Company in Ballina, County Mayo, toured Joyriders around Ireland. That same company now makes its London début at the Young Vic Studio with her current two-hander, My Name, Shall I Tell You My Name.

"They asked me: Did I have a one-act small cast play they could take to the Dublin Festival? she says. She suggested My Name, first written for Radio 4 in 1987. It is a memory play for two actors and three voices. Andy, the grand-father, is a fierce Ulster Protestant and proud survivor of the Battle of the Somme, given to regular recitations of the battle's casualties. Andrea is his loving granddaughter, whom we first hear as a der conviction.

Seen as a woman who has

Sian Edward:

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Christina Reid: political content, but "the drama must come first"

expatriated herself to London, she finds herself ideologically opposed to her grandfather's attitudes on war, race and gender. The two retain the bond that began in her childhood, only to realize that their affections are by necessity subject to revision. "It's about that difference be-

tween loving and liking people," Reid says at the Young Vic, where she has been writer in residence for the past 18 months. "It's easy to walk away but it's very difficult to say, I love you with all my heart, but I disagree with every-

ng to be able to move on and deal with anything else in her life if she can't deal with this initial

thing that was so wonderful and good and has now turned to hate." Is the play autobiographical? No, says Reid, "the girl's history is not mine." Nevertheless, she recalls that she and her grandfather were unusually close. In a family where women were prohibited from smoking, her grandfather, she remembers with a smile offered her her first cigarette. And, like Andy in the play, the memory of the Somme dominated his life. Reid began writing at the age of

Christina Reid, one of the best playrights

11, when she was given a five-year-diary with a lock and key which then, in boredom, started making entries up. Her professional career was launched in her mid-thirties with Did You Hear the One Aboutthe Irishman? and she now moves between TV, radio and the stage, having turned down the offer to nte to a major soap operá which she will not name.

Her dramatic influences clear. *Joyriders* begins at a Belfast performance of Sean O'Casey's Shadow of A Gunman before spouse to that play, and Reid expresses special affection for her great Irish realist forbear. "I love what he does, particularly in these early plays: he breaks your hearf, while making you laugh."

Reid, by extension, refuses to play the polemicist, and sho acknowledges that her writing is now "becoming wider, it's not se colloquial Belfast". She has completed a new eight-person play which she hopes to premiere on the Young Vic main stage in the automa: in this work, as before, characters take precedence over dogma. "It's not that I've never made a political statement in any of my plays, but the drama always comes first, and the people. Otherwise you might as well write a tract or stand on a street corner."

• My Name, Shall I Tell You My Name opens at the Young Vic Studio tonight (telephone: 01-928 6363)

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# Puccini on a platform

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One particular charm of this Birmingham Conservatoire production lies in seeing and hearing Puccini's Bohemians enacted by people of roughly the right age. The tomfoolery in the last act is for once engaging, and Ian Watt-Smith's production brings out a ready, fresh response from the four lovers: the acting is quick and passionate, and also intimate, thanks to a set, by Mark Hinton, which allows most of the scenes to be played out on small raised platforms in a three-dimensional, uniform ash-grey piece of town-scape which aptly functions for all

four acts. Presumably the elevation of the singers was an answer to acoustic problems, since the Conservatoire's auditorium, the Adrian Boult Hall, has no pit. As it is, the singers come through clearly, though one or two are sometimes tempted to force tone at the big climaxes, perhaps partly because the orchestra, under Keith Darlington, makes such a splendid sound. Occasional slips apart, there is a strong feeling of ensemble, and a rare clarity, delicacy and firmness of blend in the many soft textures of the score.

Catherine Mason as Mimi uses an expressive voice to achieve a touching performance; she will surely gain more control over a harshness that glazes her tone and spoils her intonation when she sings loudly. Mark Cartwright's Rodolfo has similar gifts and difficulties: his is a beautiful, clear tone which starts to waver in pitch when put under pressure.

Susannah Glanville commands the personality for Musetta, and the vocal confidence. Ian Jervis is an excellent Marcello, amiable and rugged, the only one of the principals to sing consistently in tune. The large chorus provide almost as many cameo roles; the programme's description of some of them as "resistance fighters" prepares for a relocation in wartime Paris that is not unduly

# Seducing the small-timers

David Robinson

ne of the most venerable Hollywood plots is the show-business triangle: the story of a tight-knit profe feam broken up by emotional strains when a woman comes on the scene. The Fabulous Baker Boys (15, Odeon Haymarket) -27-year-old Steve Kloves's first film as writer-director - gives the old story new life and several

For a start, the Baker Boys are irredeemably small-time, a tired two-piano act playing one-night stands in hotel lounges and cut-price resorts. When the bookings dry up, to the point when they are actually paid not to appear, they decide to take on a singer. The arrival of Susie Diamond (Michelle Pfeiffer) gives a lift to their sional fortunes but puts intolerable strains on their 30-

year-old partnership.
None of the characters is quite what appears on the surface. The world-weary cynicism of Jack (Jeff Bridges) cannot altogether conceal his sentiment (generally lavished on his toothless old dog) or his frustrated ambitions to be a sérious musician. Frank (Beau Bridges), the self-proclaiming pro,

tein said: "The split-

secretly yearns for domesticity and his garden shed. Nor is Susie, with her brittle ways and debauched eyes, quite the sophis-

The combination of exact, economical dialogue and a trio of impeccable performances transforms the old story into a wonderfully observant study of characters, seen against the very distinctive landscape of run-down Washington districts (mostly donbled by cleverly selected Californian locations).

No doubt the real life relationship of Jeff and Bean Bridges explains much of the conviction of the sibling relationship, the alternation of affection and irritation, protectiveness and resentment; and the very complex jealousies stirred by the entry of the third party.

The music is integral to both film and characters. Dave Grusin's score uses vintage hits that accurately characterize the Baker Boys and the venues they play. The Bridges Boys hit their keyboards with conviction; and Michelle Pfeiffer is completely believable as the sultry torch singer, wrestling sensually with the piano in a memorable rendering of "Making Whoopee". With richly atmospheric photography by Michael Ballhaus, this is an irresistibly seductive film



Susie (Michelle Pfeiffer), sings a sensual duet with Jack Baker (Jeff Bridges) in *The Fabulous Baker Boys* 

# Breathless tale of the bomb

ting of the atom has changed everything save our mode of thinking: thus we drift toward thus we drift toward less by obsession with academic success than by pressure from unparalleled catastrophe". In Skadow Makers (PG, Empire 2, Caunon Tottenham Court Road) Groves that is close to blackmail. After 45 years, the evidence suggests that the Japanese surren-Roland Joffe recreates the story of the "Manhattan Project" - the der was already inevitable when making of the atomic bomb -from the bomb was dropped, on the setting up the Los Alamos repretext of forcing an end to the search centre to the first tests and war. The film attempts to deal the decision to bomb Hiroshima. seriously with the issues; but the script - by Joffé himself and Bruce Robinson, who wrote Joffe's

It is principally the story of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the Bruce Robinson, who wrote Joffe's earlier film The Killing Fields physicist from Berkeley put in overall charge of the scientific gets lost among too many themes. team, under the military command It passes from the Grovesof General Leslie Groves. At the Oppenheimer confrontation to centre of the film are the continstaff relations at Los Alamos; ring clashes between the military touches inconclusively on Oppenmentality and the liberal, scientific heimer's political sympathies; ofmind. Oppenheimer has to battle fers a Popular Science with Groves's obsessive concern introduction to some technical with order, secrecy and security; problems of atomic fission; introduces a fictional remantic li-Groves enjoys the power he acquires through surveillance of Oppenheimer's left-wing assocaison which ends with the death by radiation of the young scientist involved; and rather hurries More complex conflicts emerge as the scientists begin to question through the question of the celebrated petition the physicists atthe morality of the weapon they are making. Groves, the soldier, has no doubts: the government's £2bn investment in the project tempted to present to the President and the ultimate decision to use the bomb. Much of the dialogue is

too naïvely expository.

It would have helped if Oppenheimer had been more deeply explored, or portrayed in a more

persuasive and sympathetic way. Dwight Schultz is an actor whose elecution, along with every movement of his eyes and face, never lets you forget he is acting. By comparison Paul Newman's General Groves is a performance of unimpeachable truthfulness, which never underestimates th man with easy caricatures of the

Danny DeVito's The War of the Roses (15, Odeon Leicester Square) begins as a romantic comedy about an up-and-coming lawyer (Michael Douglas) who falls in love with a gymnast (Kathleen Turner). It starts to turn sour as Douglas's incorrigible male chanvinism collides with Turner's unyielding feminism; and ultimately escalates into pure horror as the couple embark on a course of mutual destruction.

Before they turn masty, the teaming of Turner and Douglas pleasantly recalls earlier spats in Romancing the Stone and The Jewel of the Nile. But without giving away the climactic mon-strosities to which the conflict progresses, this deeply misanthropic - and certainly misogynist — film rapidly ceases to be comic. It is something of a shock to the purely comic figure of DeVito himself, in the role of a disreputable lawyer, telling the story in flashback.

It is now a Hollywood sport to

devise variants of the stock story about a maverick cop who goes underground in private pursuit of a specially detestable wrong-doer and thereby finds himself the quarry of both police and criminals. In Renegates (15), the cop (Kiefer Sutherland) is given an artifact present the control of the cop of the c unlikely partner in a young reservation Indian (Lou Diamond Phillips), who has lost both his brother and the tribal talisman to

Apart from this novelty, and some concomitant Indian m cine-man magic, it is all familia the best cop at the heart of it all, the wholesale destruction of cars in chases that inevitably land up in the indispensable street market, and the grand finale shoot-out. Director Jack Sholder directs the stunt stuff with panache.

The running gag in Juan Carlos Tabio's *Plaff?* (ICA Cinema) is that the film is full of mistakes upside-down shots, botched lines, visible clapper-boards — becaus

an official deadline. This is a perilous joke when the film quite genninely appears to be thrown

It has good humour, though, one or two bright ideas, and some sharp satire against both the waste and discrimination of socialist bureaucracy and popular cults and superstition. The title describes the noise of an egg hitting the wall: the heroine (enjoyably played by a Cuben star, Daisy Granados) is persecuted by persons unknown who pelt her house. The eventual investigation uncovers a good deal about social and sexual anxieties in contemporary Cuba.

The Summer of Aripa (PG, Phoenix East Finchley) is an stebiographical oddity. The Israeli actress Gila Ahnagor based a novel on her own childhood, then developed the story, by way of a solo stage show, to a filmscript, now directed by Eli Cohen.

Almagor plays a woman (based on her own mother) whose sufferings in Auschwitz have left her mentally unstable. The film relates the events of one s which the woman, briefly released from mental hospital, spends with her lonely and fatherless little daughter Aviya. The charming, natural playing of the child actress Kaipu Cohen offsets Almagor's

Geoff Brown on the pitfalls of presenting

nostalgic newsreel footage in video packages

The selling pitch is breathless:
"Never has there been a video product with such mass appeal — with millions of potential purchasers ... Watchable hour after hour." What can this be? Certainly not Shoah, the Holocaust epic, or the complete films of Andy Warhol. Neither does it quite sound like what in fact it is: four decades of British Pathé newsreels sliced and bundled into 40 hour-long videos, each devoted to "a year to remember", stretching from 1930 to 1969. (Pathé's last release was in February 1970). The project is the brainchild of the Parkfield Entertainment group - the latest owners of the Pathé archive. The videos will be on sale from April 2

at the magical price of £9.99.

Britain's Top Fifty video sales regularly include non-fiction ma-terial, though historical compilations rarely make the lists. Fitness videos are the thing, yet there is a market for popular history; newsreel and television archives exist in abundance. The question is, how best can they be intelligently and profitably marketed?

The easy temptation is to round up the usual stories (Chamberlain waving that slip of paper, the Queen getting crowned), glue them together with popular music, vaguely in period, and play up the high nostalgia quotient. A group of new cassettes from the Visnews library, offering "music, mem-ories and milestones" of the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, show what can happen when this temptation is blindly indulged.

For British cinema newsreels must be handled with care. Individual cameramen captured events with courage and skill, yet as mirrors of history the newsreels were plainly distorted - most of all during the 1930s, when censor-ship rules and some covert links with the Conservative govern-ment produced bland, hesitant coverage. "General Goering is one of the most popular figures in Germany," a 1935 commentator burbles in the Visnews tape devoted to that tormented decade, "and the nation rejoices in his marriage to a charming bride". Change the names, and the sentence could serve for one of the society weddings at St James's, Piccadilly - events regularly featured beside the British Empire Cocktail Championships, daft fashion shows, and grudging dispatches from the Spanish Civil War. An astute viewer may be able to supply a critical perspective to this jumble of the trite, the ominous, and the awful; the tape

itself provides no help. Visnews's Thirties video largely drawn from GaumontBritish and British Paramount newsreels - is a particularly depressing specimen. No dates for the clips are given (a common video failing this); while the linking commentary only offers dog-cared platitudes.

Luckily, the video shelves are also stocked with material - often generated by television itself which treats the past more thoughtfully. Thames Television's 1975 survey of World War Two, The World At War, can be purchased on 12 cassettes, though we lack its BBC predecessor, The Great War, aired ten years earlier - a milestone in the way it treated archive footage with respect.

Other material in the shops is more arcane. Between the Wars, in eight volumes, offers an American television series from 1978, covering American life in the 1920s and 1930s. There is some glibness, but also analysis and rare footage: Volume Two features absorbing coverage of General Billy Mitchell in 1921 struggling to impress defence chiefs with an aircraft's bombing capabilities. These are tapes you can learn from.

Yesterday's news is also going through the video mincer. The Newsbrief company offers an excellent subscription service, chiefly aimed at schools and overseas organizations, supplying monthly hour-long digest of world events drawn from material gathered for the BBC's bulletins. At £395 for a year's supply, the tapes also provide an expensive way of catching missed items: where was I when the Californian frog-jumping contest was shown?

Yet Newsbrief, too, now hopes to attract the general video buyer. It has recently issued 1989 - The Decade's Dramatic Climax: a twohour anthology of chiefly momentous events - no Goering wedding or jumping frogs here. Once more we have Kate Adie mingling with death in Tiananmen Square, John Timpson dodeing snipers' bullets in Bucharest, Hillsborough, the Alaska oil spill, and Gorbachov times ten. They could be yours for £19.95 (postage included) from Newsbrief, Olympia Bridge Quay, 70 Russell Road, London W14 8YL.

1989, at least, might be worth the outlay. It remains to be seen whether the Pathé haul from 1930 to 1969 will have the same lasting value. "Nostalgia at its finest," Parkfield croons, "The perfect gift." But unless there is a positive effort to treat the newsreel material - and the viewer - intelligently, the tapes might well end up like so many gifts: unwrapped with delight, played once, and then, somehow, forgotten.



Historic: General Eisenhower's victorious home-coming (Pathé 1945)

#### Roland Joffé, director of The Killing Fields and the controversial new film Shadow Makers, talks to Simon Banner

#### Judging the success or failure of a film, Roland Joffe be-lieves, should be a matter of lieves, should be a matter of measuring the distance between end results and a director's orig-

must be justified by using the weapon. Oppenbeimer resists his

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conscience - probably driven no

inal intention. In Hollywood on the other hand success or failure is often assessed simply by subtracting the cost of a film's production from total box-

office receipts. Before now, what the British-born Joffe calls "this conundrum of an art that's an industry and an industry that's an art" may not have bothered him unduly. His previous films as a director, The Killing Fields and The Mission, were generally judged to be both artistic and commercial successes, and it is only with the release of his fatest film, Shadow Makers, that Joffe and the money men seem to have fallen out.

When it opened on a total of more than 800 cinema screens in

# Mission to shock America

the United States, Shadow Makers struggled to recoup even a couple of million dollars of its \$18 million budget and had pretty well closed within a month. Joffe calls the film "a good and interesting and moving piece of work," but to the accountants who rule Hollywood it has the unhappy look of

an expensive failure. Taken from a script by Roland

Joffe and Brace Robinson, Shadow Makers is a sombre account of the creation and the dropping of the atomic bomb and centres on the complex relationship between Oppenheimer and the military man who appointed him, General Leslie Groves. The key moment in its Faust-like story of human corruptibility comes

carry on working on the bomb ready feel. Most Americans think even though the war in Europe is over, because for Joffe, the dropping of the atomic bomb was "not an heroic gesture, but, at its most rational, a political act. At its worst, it was purely vanity and ambition, and weakness and lies."

Ironically, the marketing department at Paramount, the studio that made Shadow Makers, must take some of the blame for its failure. Joffe's film was originally put out under the title of Fat Man And Little Boy, the names of the bombs which were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. American audiences, it was later realized, not only failed to understand the title's precise signifi-cance, but also believed a film with that title had to be comedy.

Meanwhile, the film's advertising campaign stressed the involvement of the star player, Paul Newman (as General Groves), to the exclusion of almost all other information. Regular Newman fans however were reported dis-tressed to find the salad-dressing king cast so extremely against type as a grim-faced Mephistopheles.

"The film could have been marketed differently," Joffé agrees, "but what I think we were finally up against is the fact that so many people go to the cinema not

when Oppenheimer consents to affirmed in something they althey know what the dropping of the bomb meant and they've romanticized Oppenheimer. They believe that the Manhattan Project was a glorious episode in their history.

> Certainly some of the criticism Shadow Makers met with in the United States had a suspiciously irrational air to it. Bizarrely, several American commentators suggested that the scientists in the film did not look at all like the real thing. More seriously, Joffe found himself repeatedly charged with simplifying the way the decision to

> drop the bomb was made.
> "So many Americans have to believe that the great and the good

sat down to discuss the dropping of the bomb," he says, "but the whole point is that they didn't Groves described Truman's attitude as non-interference and that seems to be confirmed by Truman's diaries."

Shadow Makers, reviewed above, had its European premiere in competition at the Berlin Film Festival in February and is released in Britain tomorrow. In the meantime, Joffe is continuing with preparations for a new film to be shot in India later this year.

"Clearly you hope for some commercial success with any film," he says, "and I kope Shadow Makers will be more successful in Europe than it was in America, but not every film can be a megabuck winner and I think you have to take risks. You have to say this is a story I want to tell and it should be recorded on film. You have to take the gamble."



Risk-taking: Joffe directs Paul Newman playing General Leslie Groves

**VIDEOBOX** 

Geoff Brown

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

CROCODILE DUNDEE !! (CIC, PG): Dawdling, largely charmless sequel to the Aussie hit. Paul Hogan is king of the outback, tangling with a drugs baron; Linda Közlöwski returns as his "Shella". 1988.

CRY FREEDOM (CIC, PG): Richard Attenborough's Steve Biko film, speedly released at a bargain price to cash in on Mandela's release. Well-meaning, but more persuasive as an adventure than a political call-to-arms. Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods; Denzel Washington as the activist

Biko, 1987. THE DECEIVERS (Vestron, 15): Rip-roaring Empire yarn with dark undertones, dashingly fashioned

rchant-ivory company from John Masters's novel about British colonials in India, faced with the murderous Thuggee cult. With Pierce Brosnan. 1988.

COLLECTION (Warner): A far-fluing group, comprising the classic backstage tale 42nd Street, with eye-popping Busby Berkeley routines (1933, U); James Cagney routnes (1933, U); James Cagney strutting his stuff as George M Cohan in Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942, U); Judy Garland and James Mason riding Hollywood's rollercoaster in A Star is Born (1954, U); and West Side Story (1961, PG), with two miscast leads at which energies choreography but wildly energetic choreography.

THE HOLLYWOOD MUSICAL

JOHN WAYNE: AN AMERICAN LEGEND (Warner): Howard Hawks's marvellously relaxed and spry Rio Bravo (1959, PG) heads the package, with Wayne as the sheriff up against outlaws. The Alamo (1980, PG), Wayne's directing début, displays an elephantine touch, though there is elephantine touch, though there is

some rousing slege warfare. Burt Kennedy's *The Train Robbers* (1973, U) is a slight, rambling tale with Wayne dispensing homilies and hunting for stolen gold. THE MARX BROTHERS IN A

NUTSHELL (Vestron, U): Television survey of the madcap brood, with generous clips, tasty rare footage, and reminiscences from veteran agues. Gene Kelly casts the only blight by narrating with a permanent chuckle.

SAHARA (RCA/Columbia, PG): Sturdy, romance-free wartime drama, with Humphrey Bogart leading the band of Allied all-sorts to a desert water hole, while Nazis breathe down their necks. Director, Zoltan Korda, 1943.

W.C. FIELDS STRAIGHT UP (Vestron, U): Delicious survey of the acerbic genius, assembled for American television by comedy expert Joe Adamson. Crammed with clips (all Identified and dated) laughs and judicious interviews, it leaves you aching to see the complete films again. 1986.

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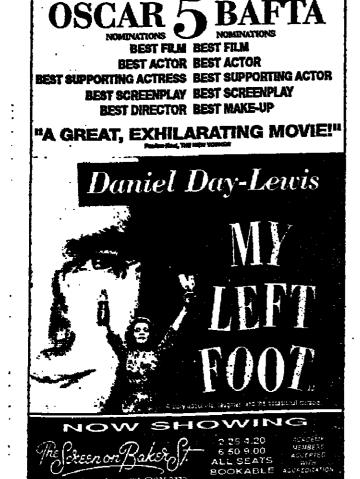
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#### LONDON

DON PASQUALE: Healthy revival with Eric Garrett in the title role, Kathleen Battle as the Norina, and Bruno Campanella conducting. Covent Garden, WC2 (01-240 1066). Tonight, 7.30-10pm, £2.50-£84.

THE MIKADO: Revival of Jonathan Miller's chic, witty Hollywood style G & S. James Holmes takes up the baton from Justin Brown from Sat evening. Collecum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). Tonight, Sat, Tues, 7.30-10.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £3-£33. OTELLO: Powerful Verdi revival. Eliah Moshinsky's production is in good, goic shape. Edward Downes conducts. Covent Garden, (as above). Tomorrow, Wed, 7.30-10.20pm, £2.50-£82.

LA TRAVIATA: Helen Field is an outstanding Violetta and now Bona-ventura Bottone as Alfredo. Noel Davies conducts as from Monday. Collegum, (as above). Tomorrow, Mon, 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£33.

ANGELIQUE/LA VIDA BREVE: Ibert and Falia double bill imaginatively staged by the Guildhall School of Music and

GSMD, Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Tomorrow, Mon, 7-10pm, 23.50-£7.

DAPHNE: Strauss one-acter in a concert performance by the Cheisea Opera Group. Conducted by Normal del Mar; with Kenneth Woollam and Theresa

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Benk, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Sun, 7.45-10pm, £5-£12.50.

ELEKTRA: Götz Friedrich's new production, conducted by Sir Georg Sotti with Eva Marton singing the title role, and Marjana Lipovsek as Klytemnestra. Covent Garden (as above). Mon, 8-9.40pm, £2.50-£82.

THE GAMBLER: Revival of David Pountney's searing Prokofiev produc-tion for ENO sees the return of Graham Clark. Sian Edwards makes her company début conducting Collegum (as above). Wed, 7.30-9.50pm,

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COSI FAN TUTTE: Walsh National Opera. With Valerie Masterson as Flordiligi, Maureen Branthwate as Despina and Bryn Terfel as Guguelmo. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844). Tonight, 7.15-10.30pm, £7.50-£26.50.

DIE FLEDERMAUS: Opera Northern Ireland's restaging of Helmut Politica's 1987 production for Welsh National. David Parry conducts a cast including Susan Bullock, Peter Coleman-Wright Grand Opera House, Belfast (0232 240411). Tonight, Sat, 7.30-10.30pm, 25-

DON PASQUALE: Peter Knapp's Travelling Opera. Alan Watt takes the title role as fitness freak in present-day Tuscarry. Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30-

10.15pm, £8.50-£16. THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: Weish National's busy, harum-scarum co production with Opera North. Carlo Rizzi conducts. Cast Includes Anthony Mi-

chaels Moore, Kate McCarney and Andrew Shore. Theatre (as above).. Tomorrow,

7.15-9.45pm, £7.50-£26.50.

#### LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR: Opera 80's visually striking production over stretches its young cast, led by Linda Clemens. Charles Peebles conducts. Cittle Pavillon, Westcliff, Essex (0702 351135). Fri, 7.30-10.15pm, £5.50-£7.50. Hexagon, Reading (0734 591591). Wed.

A FORZA DEL DESTINO: Scottish Opera. John Mauceri conducts a version with Verdi's original Prolude and final scene. Andrea Gruber leads. Playbouse, Edinburgh (031 557 2590).

Tues, 6.45-10.15pm, £5-£17.50.

DER ROSENKAVALIER: Weish National Opera's traditional production by Wotlgang Weber is conducted by Mackerras. Several young singers worth watching: Rita Cuilis as the Marschallin, Amanda Roocroft as Sophie and Donald Adams as Ochs.

Hippodrome, Birmingham (021 622 7486). Tues, 6.30-10.30pm, £11-£30.

DANCE John Percival

#### LONDON

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: The London premiere of Merce Curning-ham's Doubles begins a three-week season, with Ashley Page's colourful treatment of Stravinsky's Solidat and choot works by Althon and Treats Branch short works by Alston and Trisha Brown (tonight-Sun). Page'se latest creation, Cumulao, to a Latin-American score by Orlando Gough, has its London premiere Tuesday and then continues with a new work by Alston, Dealing With Shadows, premiered Wednesday. Sedier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30pm, £4-

EDGE: Sua McLennan's curious science-fiction amalgam of dance, talk and music by Lindsay Cooper (tonigm-Sat) looks the fivelest among this week's entries in the Spring-Loaded season. Other contributions by Gregory Nash in a ince, music and video collaboration (Mon) and Still Standing is two works

about women travelling. (Tues). The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1

(01-387 0031), 8pm, 26. OUTSIDE LONDON

PRINCE OF THE PAGODAS: The Royal Ballet in Kenneth MacMillan's new ballet: uneven. Darcey Bussell and Jonathan Cope dance tonight and Saturday evening; Viviana Durante and Stuart Cassidy (tomorrow) are as good. Dana Fouras and Michael Nunn make their debuts Saturday afternoon.

Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 236 9922). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £6-£22.50.

GISELLE: Christopher Gable's 19thcentury production for Northern Ballet Theatre: sincere if sometimes eccentric Empire Theatre, Sunderland (091 514 2517). Tonight, Sat 2pm and 7.30pm, Fri 7.30pm, £4.50-£10.50 evenings, £2.50-

LONDON CITY BALLET: André Prokovsky's dramatic ballet of La Traviata is at Nottingham (tonight) and at Dartford

The Only Victor, Alexander Kent

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(right) will be bringing out his great white handkerchief to brush away yet another furtiva lagrima next Tuesday when he returns to Covent Garden for a revival of Donizetti's tale of romance and farce in a Basque village, L'elisir d'ansore.

The Royal Opera management are congratulating themselves on luring back the King of the High Cs, after a six-year absence following a falling out with John Tooley and the old regime. Pavarotti's last appearance there was as Radames in *Aida* in 1984.

His bel canto repertoire, in the operas of Bellini and Donizetti, has been particularly carefully nurtured. This is his first Nemorino for Covent Garden. though he has sung the role with this conductor, Marcello Panni, at the Met recently, and appeared in this production in Berlin last year.

John Copley returns to direct it, and has lined up a supporting cast all of whom are well sung in to it. Daniela Mazzucato is the fickle

(Tues-Thurs). Tomorrow and Saturday, comedy in *Graduation Ball*, classical display in *Aurora's Wedding* and drama in Three Dances to Japanese Music. Theatre Royal, Nottingham (0602 482626). Tonight-Sat 7.30pm, £4-£10.50; mat Set 2.30pm, £4-£6. The Orchard, Dantlord (0322 34333).

Tues, Wed, 7.45pm, £4.50-£10.50. LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: Three works by Dan Wagoner, from ragtime jolity to contempta-tions on Shostakovich; with Jonathan Lunn's short, intriguing *Doppeiganger*, Theatre Royal, Phymouth (0752 669595). Frl. 7.30pm, Sat, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. £6.50-£8.50.

NEW MOVES: A triple bill by Rosemary Lee, Wendy Houston and Liz Rankin with Paul Griffin (tonight-Sat); three showings of dance videos from Holland and Flanders (Sat effernoon); and Mo-Lennan's Edge (see above) (Tues-Wed). Third Eye Centre, Sauchiehall Street, sgow (041 332 7251), 7.30pm, £2.50-£3.50. Videos 3-6pm, free. Tron Theatre, Trongate, Glasgow (041

#### READINGS

552 4267). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, £3-£5.

Cris Cheek

WILLIAMS BROTHERS: Nicel Williams reads from his novel The Wimbledon Poisoner, John Hartley Williams from his new poetry collection.
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The Voice Box, Festival Hall, Level 5,

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Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham (0703 255168). Tonight, 7.30pm, 22.50 (£1.50 concs).

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♦ BLACK RAIN (18); Michael Douglas pursuing a Japanesa gangster Plashy potpoller from director Ricley Scott. Cennon Futhern Road (01-370)

2636) Plaza (01-200 0200). BLAZE (15): Paul Nowman as politician Earl Long, defiantly in love with a stripper. Colourful

Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527) Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644) Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Warner West End (01-439

(18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruise excellent as paraplegic Ron Kovic. Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772) Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2635) Empire (01-497 9999) Gate (01-727 4043) Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Whiteleys (01-792

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Usher Gallery, Lincoln (0522 527980).
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Nottingham University Ballroom, University Park (0602 484848 ext 2269).

GLORY WHAT GLORY: Inertia Real.

Two astronauts returning to Earth after

30 years reflect on the world they expect

Picture Palace. South Normanton,

Derbyshire (0773 813343). Tonight,

DESMOND TRUSCOTT: The Burrow, A

one-man show devised and adapted

The Hen and Chickens Theatre, Highbury Corner, Islington, N1 (01-226 3724). Until March 18 (not Mons), 8pm,

TRESTLE THEATRE COMPANY: Exec-

utive Street. A funny yet compassionate

look at loneliness and boredom using mime, masks, original music and a

The Nave, St Margaret's Church, Wind-

sor Road, Uxbridge (0895 59942). To-

Albany Centre, Shaftesbury Avenue, Montpeller, Bristol (0272 542154). To-

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EVERYMAN (01-435 1525): Jim Jamusch's début feature Stranger Than Paradise - sad, funny, quietly dazzling. NATIONAL FILM THEATRE (01-928 35351: The original Back to the Future: Jack Rosenthal's TV comedy about the travails of learner taxi drivers. PHOENIX (01-883 2233):

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# On the pollution trail

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 It follows the classic sequence, familiar from a score of films and television police series, of a tip-off from an informant, undercover surveillance and the setting up of a "sting" to catch the villains. We could be talking about a hank raid or an attack on a security van. In fact this elaborate operation concerns the dumping of sewage, but it is none the less exciting for that. In an initiative rapidly being followed in other parts of



force investigators (BBC2, 9.30pm) the United States, but with no remote parallel in Britain, the state of New Jersey has set up a task force of police officers, scientists and lawyers to fight environmental pollution. Green Police (BBC2, 9.30pm), John Edginton's film for 40 Minutes, follows these crime busters over a fortnight of activities in which the great sewage bust takes its place among action against river polluters and those engaged in the illegal disposal of asbestos and chemical waste. With admirable lack of discrimination. the accused range from a man on a street corner to a multination. Company whose directors could face jail sentences. Compared with the paltry fines meted out in Britain for environmental offences, New Jersey last year imposed fines totalling £1.17 million and sent nine people to prison. Coincidentally, one of the items in the new series of Nature (BBC2, 8.30pm) also concerns pollution in the United States. A group of children is threatening to boycott the McDonald's fast food restaurants in an attempt to persuade the company to replace their plastic packaging with more

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easily disposable paper. Taking as its subject George Eastman's snapshot camera, Small Objects of Desire (BBC2, 10.10pm) looks at the family photograph and how it has constructed a carefree world in which smiles are permanent and the sun always Not for noth are rive times a many photographs taken in July as in January. Further, it is a world of leisure and pleasure, free of work, disease and problems of any sort. People may hate each other but animosity is suspended series, coinciding with international Women's Day, Pamela Stephenson looks at how women can climb the career ladder to the top ourselves to the future saying we are having a wonderful time. The film demonstrates how the myth has been fostered by advertising with its perpetual injunction to keep your sunny side up.

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12.20am Westher

Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer, Includes regular news headlines, business reports, sports bulletins, regional news, travel and weather information. Paul Callan reviews the morning newspapers 8.55 Regional news and weather News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television. To contribute ring Eamonn Holmes on 061 814 0424

9.20 Kitroy. Robert Kitroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion between those for and against the poli tax
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Pleydaya (r) 10.56 Henry's Cat (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Barrie Inghem with a reading

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the romance between Sharon and
Nick reaches rock bottom. (Ceefax)
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2.15 Pilia: Busman's Honeymoon
(1940, b/w) starring Robert
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retreat to find the owner of the house has been murdered. With Leslie Banks and Robert Newton. Directed by Arthur B. Woods

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Connie Booth with part four of E. B. White's Charlote's Web 4.25
New Yogl Beer Show 4.35 Dizzy Heights. Comedy series starring Alan Heap and Mick Wall as managers of a seaside boarding house

4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter.
Yvette Fielding, John Leslie and Diane Louise Jordan launch the British Young Animator of the Year competition. (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)

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7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Bruno Brookes (simultaneous broadcast with Fladio 1)

7.30 EastEnders. Kathy arranges to see Laurle; Julie finds there is more than business to talk about with newcomer Grant Mitchell; and Frank thinks of a way of getting Vincs to pay his debts back in kind. (Ceefax)

8.00 Tomorrow's World. Judith Hann reports on archaeologists in New York who are using rader to trace valuable items lying deep beneath the earth of a building site, plus a look at heert surgery which could become as simple as visting the dentist. With Kate Bellingham, Howard Stableford and Peter Macann. (Ceefax)

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finds that his friend Elmo has opened
a wine bar. Starring Karl Howman
and Elizabeth Counsell. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn

Lewis. Regional news and weather 9.30 Ben Elton — the Man from Auntie. Another 30 minutes in the company of the fast-talking comic

10.00 Question Time. Peter Sissons is joined by Jane Grant, director of the National Alliance of Women's National Alliance of Women's
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6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Homing Britain presented Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. With news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes Claire Rayner with advice on viewers' emotional and personal problems

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9.25 The Pyramid Game hosted by Steve Jones 9.55 Thames News and weather

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10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on family health; problems facing the over-60s; scep operes; and helping children learn to read. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed

by national weather 12.10 The Riddlers. For the young 12.30 Home and Away.

1.00 News at One with John Suchet.
Weather 1.20 Thames News and 1.30 Wish You Were Here..? (r).

(Oracle) 2.00 A Country Practice. Drame set in and around the

Drame set in and around the community health centre of a small rural Australian fown.

3.00 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show introduced by Danny Baker 3.25 Themes News and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters, Australian drama series

4.00 Hot Dog 4.15 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds (r)

4.40 Press Gang: Something Terrible, per two. Cindy's behaviour leads Colin to suspect that she is being abused by her father, but nobody is willing to listen to his accusations. (Oracle)

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge guiz game for reenagers

quiz game for teenagers 5.40 News with Nicholas Owen.

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6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News and weather
6.50 Thames Help. Jackle Sprackley with news of the Phobic Action organization
7.00 Emmerdele. Kate and Joe Sugden return from their second honeymoon. (Oracle)
7.30 Science Fiction: The Smolding Gun. How three scientists working on the British Antarctic Survey in 1980 discovered a hole in the ozone layer

syer \$.00 The Bill: Safe Place. DI Burnside is frustrated that he is unable to interview a suspect who is being treated for a nervous breakdown rehabilitation centre. All is not lost, however, as WPC Martella is working undercover at the same centre, (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: The Fourth Reich? A documentary examining the likely consequences of a reunified

9.00 Taggart. Episode two of the threepart drama, *Hostile Witness*, and Taggart and Jardine are faced with another murder and, although the evidence points to the killer being a member of a group

being a member of a group campaigning for the reintroduction of capital punishment, John Greeney confesses to the crime. Starting Mark McManus and James Macpherson. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Tea with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30 Thamas News and weather

10.35 The City Programme. Robert Maxwell discloses plans for readers to invest in Mirror shares

11.05 01-For London. Includes Jeff Bridges talking about his new film The Fabulous Baker Boys, which is reviewed by Glynis Barber; T'Pau's Carol Decker commenting on War of the Roses; and Shadow Makers reviewed by Bruce Kent and John

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Hassard. Followed by Crimestoppe
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama set
in an Australian women's prison
12.30 tee Starting. Nick Owen
introduces coverage of the world

figure skating championships from Halifax, Nova Scotia 1.00 Superstars of Wrestling followed by News headlines 2.00 Celebrity, starting Michael Beck, Joseph Bottoms and Ben Masters These marker Texas biots exhaul Three popular Texas high school students share a night of passion and

violence that will, 25 years later, shatter each of their enormously succesful careers. Part two can be seen at the same time next week 4.25 News headlines followed by America's Top Ten (r) 5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

2.50 Sportsworld 4.45-6.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except 1.20pm-1.30
News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Tell The
Truth 10.35 West This Week 11.25 Weekend Outlook
11.35 Cover Story (Rise Coolidge) 12.05em los
Skating 1.00 Film: Starting Over 2.55 Outz Night 3.25
Alfred Filchcock Presents: Tragedy Tonight 3.50
Special Squad 4.40-5.00 Crusade in Europe\*.

HTV WALES As HTV West except 5.00Wales & Westminster 10.35 Wales This Week 11.05
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6.45 Open University: Questioning Assumptions. Ends at 7.10 8.00 News 8.15 Westminster

9.00 Ceefax
9.20 Daytime on Two includes at
10.20 Different beliefs and faiths
10.40 What the Eurotunnelers can learn from the Brunets 11.20 A profile of Phoenix, Arizona 12.25 Refugees 12.50 Secondary science 1.20 Fingermouse 1.40 Children sing the blues

2.00 News and weather followed by Watch (r) 2.15 Antiques Roadst from Northampton (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 News and and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather 4.00 The Diamond Game. Word game 4.30 Plunder. Gerald Scarle selects his

favourite clips from the BBC's television and film archives 5.00 it Doesn't Have To Hurti Painless exercise (r). (Ceefax) 5.10 Horizon: The 10,000 Year Test (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Passport to Pinelico (1948,

b/w) starring Margaret Rutherford and Stanley Holloway. A bomb explodes in post-war London's Pimiico and uncovers a 15thcentury decree stating the area really belongs to France. Directed by Henry Cornelius. (Ceefax) 7.20 Tex Avery Cartoon. Big Heel-Mothe

7.30 9 li 5: Youth. The number of tenagers entering the workplace will fall by up to 40 per cent over the next decade, transforming the youth unemployment of the 80s into a workers energible of the 60s. workers scarcity of the 90s

8.00 Yes Winister: The Official Visit (r).

(Ceefax)

8.30 Nature. A new series begins with

a.30 Nature. A new series begins with a look at the movement against fast food packaging
9.00 The Comic Strip
Presents . . Lee Dogs. On the verge of death, businessman
Victor looks back over his 10-year

Victor looks back over his 10-year love affair
9.30 40 Minutes: Green Police.
(Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.10 Small Objects of Desire: The Snapshot Camera (see Choice)
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Weekend Outlook 12.05am images of Health. Ends at 12.35 Ends at 12.35

BBC1 WALES: 6.20pm-7.00 Wales Today
12.20pm-12.25 News and weather
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Young and Beautiful WORTHERS! SRELARD:
6.30pm Sportswide 5.40-6.00 Inside Uster 6.30
Neighbours 6.50-7.00 Inside Uster Update 6.30
8.00 Spotlight ENGLARD: 6.30pm-7.00 Regional
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6.00 The Channel Four Daily 9.25 Schools 12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30 Business Daily with Susannah

Simons
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 Film: Bitter Sweet (1940) starring
Jeanette MacDonald and Netson Eddy. MGM musical about a girl who decides on the eve of her wedding to follow her heart and elope with her music teacher to Vienna. Directed by W S Van Dvke II

Dyke II
3.45 Kaleidoscope, Czech animation
4.00 Not on Sunday includes a look at
the religious significance of the
Whirling Dervishes
4.30 Countdown, Sylvia Floche is
today's challenger
5.00 Trassura Hunt in North Wales (r).
(Oracle)
6.00 Neet and Tidy, Nick and Tena
take on beefy builles and a half naked
sheriff (r)

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6.30 The World Figure Stating Championships. Nick Owen introduces highlights from the final of the pairs

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeineb Sadawi

7.50 Comment followed by Weather.

8.00 Brass. Election day arrives and Austin Hardacre prepares to battle with the odds stacked against him (r)

(f)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Richard
O'Brien with the adventure game that
has contenders battling through a
maze of futuristic, industrial,
medieval and Aztec obstacles
9.30 Filtre Sammy and Rosie Get Laid
(1987) starring Shashi Kapoor,
Frances Barber and Claire Bloom.
Drams sat against the becking of

rrantess barber and cause booth.

Drama set against the backdrop of
British's contemporary urban
decay, seen through the eyes of a
Third World politician who returns
to British to find his son is part of a

mixed-up society. Directed by Stephen Frears Film: The Mirror (1984) starring Nur Sorer, Suavi Eren and Hikmet Celik. Drama, based on a Turkish folktale set in feudel times, about a

man haunted by his murderous past. Directed by Erden Kiral mm The World Figure Stating Championships. Live coverage from Halifax, Nova Scotia, of the final of the men's competition, Ends at 3.00

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NETWORK 2 Starts: 2-30pm Rosco 3.05 NETWORK 2 Shorks 3.30 Firststone 4.00 if You'd Believe This 4.10 Par's Park 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.55 Monopartinus 8.55 At Charges 6.00 happy Birthday 4-45 Wonderstruck 5.25 All Change 6.00 Home And Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.06 Cursai 7.30 Elvis 6.50 Doogle Howser M.D. 8.30 Marketpiace 9.00 Kate And Alie 9.30 Street Legal 10.30 Meyer 10.50 Highthawits 11.30 & Fine Ressance 12.05em Close.

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SKY ONE

5.00am International Business Report 5.00cm International Business Report
5.20 European Business Channel 6.00 The
DJ Kat Show 8.30 Panel Pot Pourni
10.00 The New Price is Right 10.30 The
Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00
Another World 12.50pm As the World
Turns 1.45 Loving 2.15 A Problem
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for the Gobots 3.45 Mustary Island 4.00 for the Gobots 3.45 Mystery Island 4.00
The Adventures of Guillver 4.25 Cartoons 4.30 The New Leave it to Beaver 5.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Beyond 2000 8.00 Moonlighting 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Jameson Tonight 11.00 Sky News 11.30 The invisible Man

SKY NEWS

News on the hour. 5.00 mm International Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 International Business Report 19.30
Frank Bough 11.30 International Business
Report 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30
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**SKY MOVIES** 

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel 2.00 Date with an Angel (1967): Michael Knight falls in love with an angel (Emmanuelle Beart) who lands in his Knight fells in love with an angel
(Emmanuelle Beart) who lands in his
swimming pool
4.00 The Good, the Bed and
Hucideberry Hound: Animated adventure
8.00 Money Manle (1987): A dying
man's words spark off a nationwide search
for three caches of money
7.40 Entertainment Touight
8.00 Three for the Road (1987): Two
youths escort a senator's troublesome
daughter to school. With Charile Sheen,
Kerri Green and Alan Ruck
9.40 Projector: Movies on Sky
10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street
(1984): A group of teenagers fiving on Elm
Street find their dreams Invaded by a
dead psychopathic killer by the name of
Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund)
11.45 Hercules Against the Berbarlans:
With Mark Forest as Hercules
1.30am The Bellevers (1987): Martin
Sheen sets out to discover the truth behind a
voodoo-like cuit
4.00 Mayflower Madam (1987): Candice
Bergen as the proprietor of a high-class New
York escort service. Ends at \$.40am

**EUROSPORT** 

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Menu 9.00
Trans World Sport 10.00 Golf: Dubai
Classic 11.00 World Cup Skiing 12.00
World Championship Boxing 2.00pm
Footbal: European Cup 4.00 Figure
Skating: World Championships 6.00 Mobil 1
Motor Sports News 7.00 World Cup
Skiing 6.00 Basketbali: European Cup
10.00 Ford Snow Report 10.01 World
Cup Football 11.30 Figure Skating

8.00mm Kristiane Backer 11.00 8.00mm Kristiane Backer 11,00
Remote Control 11,30 Club MTV 12,00
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4.60 3 from 1 4.15 Paul King 4.30 CocaCola Report 4.45 Paul King 6.00 MTV's
Greatest Hits 6.30 The Big Picture 7,00
Ray Cokes 7,30 Club MTV 8,00 Ray
Cokes 8,30 Headbangers Ball 10,00 CocaCola Report 10,15 Maiken Wexo
1,00mm Night Videos

**SCREENSPORT** 

7.00mm Powersports 8.00 Golf 10.00 les Speedway 11.00 Rugby Union 12.30pm Boxing 2.00 College Basketball 3.30 Sport en France 4.00 Football 6.00 Rugby League 7.30 Argentinian Football 8.30 Pole World 9.00 Strain Stella Sport 8.45 Pole Rowlers Spain Spain Sport 9.15 Pro Bowlers

LIFESTYLE

**10.00am J**ake's Fitness Minute **10.01** Search for Tomorrow 16.30 We're Cooking Now 10.55 Spain Spain Cookery 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm Style File 12.45 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 The Rich Also Cry 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.10 Cinema

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#### RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW -FM Stereo and MW
Ners on the half-hour from
.3.30mm until 4.30pm, then at
.3.30, 8.30 and 10.00pm
6.00mm Jakid Brambles 6.30
Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Batas
from Tokyo 12.30pm
Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.60
Sieve Wright in the Afternoon
5.30 News '90 6.00 Mark Goodler
7.40 Too of the Pops (with 7.00 Top of the Pops (with 88C1) 7.30 Philip Schoffeld 8.30 John Peel 10.80 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00em Richard Sidnier

#### RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MWF News on the hour. Headines 5.30em, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 4.00em Alex Lester 5.30 Christ Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 3.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.65em Peter Skellern 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Adrian Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Best in Country Music The Best in Country Music 206 Paul Jones, Incl a sessior from Bob Brozman 10.00 Pull the Other Onel 10.30 The thoughton Westers 11.00 Bound Michight 1.90sm Nightride 8.80-4.00 A Little Night Music

#### **WORLD SERVICE**

A00mm Morgenstagazin 5.35 News In German, Headings in English and Franch 5.47 Sports News S.S.D Financial News 5.55 Wester and Travel News 6.00 Newsdark 5.30 Londres Mesin 7.00 World News 7.90 With On 7.45 Newscart, UK 5.00 World News 7.90 With On 7.45 Newscrit, UK 5.00 World News 8.00 World Cook 5.50 John Peel 9.00 World News 9.15 The World News 9.15 Newscrit 11.50 Newscri 7.54 Nachrichten 3.00 World News 3.00 The World Today 2.25 World of Falm 3.30 News 2.87 Sports 90 Meriden 3.00 News Summary 2.87 Sports 90 Meriden 3.00 News Summary 2.87 Sports 90 More 3.45 Wette On 16.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.15 Abusic Review 12.00 Newsdask 12.30 Sept 3.00 Notice 1.25 Sept 3.00 News 3.00 News 3.00 Sept 3.00 News 3.00 Newsdash 4.30 The World Today 4.36 Newsdash 4.30 The World Today 4.46 Newsdash 4.30 The Worl

6.35em Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News
Headlines
7.06 Morning Concert:
Mendelssohn (Over sohn (Overture for winds, Op 24: London Symphony Orchestra under Claudio Abbado); Grainger Youthful suite: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Kenneth Montgomery); Mozart (Symphony No 24 in B flat, K 173: Acamday of Ancient Music under Christopher

Music under Christopher Hogwood, continuo)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Berlioz (Overture, King Leer:
SNO under Gibson);
Tchalkovsky (Fantasy overture to Hamlet Israel PO under Bernstein);
Delibes (Bellet suite, Le Rol s'amuse: RPO under Thomas Beecham)
8.30 News

2.30 News
5.35 Composers of the Week:
Scandinavian Season.
Nielsen. Wind Quimet
(Copenhagen Wind Quimet);
Humoresque, Two Fantasy
Pieces, Op 2 (Svend
Christian Felum), oboe,
Christian Felum), oboe,
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Christian Christiansen,
piano); The Mild Day is
Bright and Long
(Copenhagen Po under
Felumb); String Quartet No
4 in F (Erling Broch Quartet)

9.35 Towards Bach: L'Ecole
D'Orphée completes their

cycle of suites from Reincisen's Hortus musicus. Suites No 5 in E minor and No 6 in A 10.05 Britten's Spring Symptiony performed by the Royal Opera House Orchestra and Chorus; Chorus of Boys from Emercual School from Emanuel School, Wandsworth under the composer, with Jennife

Vyvyan, soprano, Norma Procter, alto, Peter Pears, tenor) 10.50 Michael Thompson, horn, and Catherine Dubois, piano, perform Schumann (Adagio and Allegro, Op 70); Besthoven (Sonata in F. Op 17); Besthoven (Sonata in F. Op 17); Dukas (villande); Hustrypa (Music for hown Muscrave (Music for horn and piano) (r) 11.35 Concert from York: BBC PO

Concert from York See Funder George Hurst, with Mikheil Platner, piano, performs Martinu (Symphony No 5); Brahms (Concerto No 2 in B flat) 1.00pm News 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert Erram Little Corge's, Live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Stuttgart Piano Trio performs Schubert (Trio in E flat, D 929)

#### RADIO 3

2.00 Dvořák: Suisse Romande Dvořák: Suisse Romande Orchestra under Jordan; Lausanne Pro Arte Chorus; Radio Suisse Romande Chamber Choir, with Magdalene Hajossyova, soprano, Marjana Lipovsek, contretto, Alejandro Rumirez, teror, Richard Novak, bass. perform Novak, bass, perform Stabat Mater, Op 58 Heydn and Vaughan Williams: Roth Quartet

performs Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 64 No 5 "Lark"); Vaughan Williams (String Quartet No 2) (r) 4.29 BBC Weish Symphony Orchestra under Tadaski Otaka, with John Edward Kelly, saxophone, perform Kelly, saxophone, performs Salinen (Shadows - Pretude for Orchestral; Sandstrom (Concerto for Sexophone); Sibelius (Symphony No 7 in C, Op 105). Scandinavian

> 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Michael Berkeley 7.00 News (FM only)
> 7.05 Third Ex: Peter Paul Nash
> in conversation with the
> American composer Eliott 7.30 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under David

Zimmerman, viole, performs Eigar (Overture, Cocketjne); Walton (Viola Concerto); Strauss (Ein Heldenleben), incl 8.15 Interval Reading by Jarkko Laine, translated by Herbert Lomes. Scandinavian Season (see

Choice)

9.30 Mozart: Concertgebouw Orchestra under Nikolaus Harnoncourt performs Symphony No 3 in B flat, K 10.00 Music in Our Time: Scandinavian Season. Matrix Ensemble under Robert Ziegler, with Rebecca Hirsch, violin, performs Jon Nordal (Iceland) (Adaglo for strings, flute, harp and piano); Daniel Sortz (Sweden)

11.00 Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season. Gade and Svandsen. Svendsen and Sylandson: Sylandson (Norwegian Rhapsody No 2, Op 19); Gade (Symphony No 7 in F, Op 45); Sylandson (Norwegian Rhapsody No 4, Op 22) (1)

12.00 News 12.05 am Close

sylvations and quirks, wan Susan Marking

9.45 Letter From . . . England, Arkansas (new series) (f)

10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Jessica Holm reports on how a major piece of the African

scene IO.45 An Act of Worship (s) 10.45 An Act or worse-11.00 News: Citizens 11.25 In Exile: Jonathan Steinberg talks to four experience have settled in Britain.

by first-time broadcasters
This week, Nancee Oku
Bright talks about her
transition from compliant
Liberian girl to discerning black woman 12.00 News; You and Yours with

Usine Sur (Sweets); (Night Clouds for strings); Cacle Ore (Norway) (Strata for strings); Paul Ruders (Denmark) (Concerto for violin and string orchestra, haro and harpsichord, harp and harpsich 1981). All first UK entrepreneurial Polish

#### RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, with Brian Redhead and Sue MacGregor, inci 6.30, 7.90, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 6.35 Yesterday in Weather 8.35 Yesterday In Parliament 8.57 Weather

9.00 News
9.05 Punters (new series): An opportunity for listeners' to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks. With

piece of the African rainforest is being saved, and Fergus Keeling examines the British wildlife

who have settled in Britain.
Part 4: Zdena Tomin,
novelist and former Charter
77 activist, who is unable to
return to her native Czechoslovakia 11.50 First Person: Series of talks

12.00 News: You and Yours with John Waite
12.25pm Smiley's People: Seven-part dramstization of John Le Carré's novel (4) (s) (r)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtle
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
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Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: On
International Women's Day,
a visit to the Woman's Health Day at the Commonwealth Institute, organized by the National Council of Women; an interview with organist Jennifer Bate, who has been named the French personality of the year; Gina Varga, a sociologist from Lima, talks about the situation for women in Pent; and a feature on the avenues open to the

3.00 News; On Frozen Pond: Play by Colin Hadyn Evans. Victor, a new arrivat to Barnsley from San Diego, wishes to promote cryonics — the science of freezing dead bodies until medicine dead bodies until medicine is able to is able to cure disease. With Peter Whitman as Victor (s) 4.00 News 4.05 Bookshelf with Nigel Forde

4.35 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report 6.30 Film Star: Alexander Walke profiles Laurence Olivier (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack (s) (see Choice)
8.00 Analysis: Home Truths. To
encourage home ownership,
the Chancellor is under pressure to increase tax relief. As the housing market falters, David Walker assesses the implications of

8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Kati magazine for people with disabilities 9.15 Kaleidoscope: Louisa Buck i Kaleidoscope: Louisa Buck reviews the new Jackson Polikok biography; a feature on tonight's opening of the West Yorkshire Playhouse; and Alan Frank with a round up of new film releases, including War of the Roses and Fabulous Baker Boys

the boom in owner

9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Boats on the Thames. News from Nowhere, by William Morris (4 or 5) 11.00 The Blackburn Files: A Case of Haddock and Plaice, Five-part amateur

detective spoof by lan McMillan, Martin Wiley and Dave Sheasby. Starring Fine-Time Fontayne as Staphen J. Blackburn (final part) (s) (r)
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#### RADIO CHOICE

#### Peter Davalle

● If John Donne is right about po one being an island, the phenomenon dissected in this week's Soundtrack (Radio 4. 7.20pm) is a veritable archipelago. I doubt whether there has been a more fantastic indication of how far the alter ego syndrome has developed since R.L. Stevenson wrote Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. Katie is an American woman. If only it were that simple. She is nine other people as well, three of them children, another a teenaged boy, and the rest a strange assortment of grownups including a woman who would kill, given the provoca-tion. Small wonder this multipersonality finds it difficult to reply when her psychotherapist asks her: "Is it Andy, or Christy, or Kate, who's here at the moment?".



Andrew Sachs: reads with customary flair (R3, 9.15pm)

● The Scandinavian Season on Radio 3 continues to throw up little gems such as Jarkko Laine's The 101 Year A<del>nniversary</del> (9.15pm), a Finnish short story, read (in English) by Andrew Sachs, who displays his customary flair almost a sculptor's gift, really - for moulding clay words into flesh. This tale of a minor literary celebrity's visit to a small town to give a talk, is an amusing and perceptive indictment of provincialism at its most blinkered.

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# Poll tax anger erupts in council chambers

# **Agitators** 'inciting

By Staff Reporters

Violence demonstrations crupted again yesterday as protesters against the community charge clashed with police outside and inside town halls.

Officers indicated last night that they were convinced the violence was not spontaneous. They were investigating groups who attended all the demonstrations using loudhailers to incite crowds.

In Southampton, at least 27 were arrested when demonstrators climbed scaffolding on to the roof and through windows of the building, using fire escapes to try to get into the Civic Centre where councillors set a £317 poll tax, £109 above the estimate. Several men tried to jump

15ft down into the council chamber from the public gailery. One succeeded and ran towards the gold mace, smashing glasses of water, before he was dragged off by the police. The meeting was adjourned for the gallery to be cleared. Labour supporters among those removed from the gal-

supporters and other left-wing groups.
Miss Liz Filer, chairman of the Southampton branch of the All Britain Anti-Poli Tax Federation, accused the police

lery said the disturbance had

been associated with Militant

of brutality. In Plymouth, 10 were arrested and Dr David Owen, SDP MP for Plymouth Devonport, was squirted with a water pistol as an angry crowd gathered outside the town hall where a £350 tax was finalized. "I am not surprised at how angry these people are. They have a justified grievance. I have been opposed to the poll tax at

every stage," Dr Owen said.

More than 500 people blocked the town centre of Newbury. They sat in the road, chanting slogans, after councillors used a back door to get into the chamber.

At the Civil Hall in Leeds, about 50 protesters staged a sit-down in the corridor outside the chamber where a poll tax of £348, the highest in West Yorkshire, was set. Police arrested a number of people outside who threw Party unreservedly conpieces of mud at windows and tried to climb drainpipes.



Police and councillors step in to halt a protester who jumped 15ft from the public gallery at Southampton Civic Centre in an attempt to reach the gold mace.

#### Ministers challenge Labour-Militant link

28 Labour MPs were "demanding illegal mass nonpayment of the community charge". They stood exposed. as backers of a body which promotes disruption and dis-

If the Labour leader took no action against them "the lie of Labour's purge of Militant will be revealed."

All but two of the 28 MPs are members of the hard-left Campaign Group and include known Militant supporters.

Although Labour sources dismissed Mr Baker's letter, there was evident annoyance in the Labour camp over what one Shadow Cabinet member described as an attempt by Militant to "snatch defeat from the jaws of victory".

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, said on BBC Radio Four that said on BBC Radio Poir toat to suggest it was misleading to suggest that thousands of protesters were all dupes of Militant Tendency, but the Labour Party unreservedly condemned any violence. He advised genuine Labour sup-

such demonstration. He said: "It is wrong in principle and likely to be unhelpful for it distracts attention from the very real grievances."

The 28 MPs backing the Anti-Poll Tax Federation are: Dave Nellist (Coventry South-East); Terry Fields (Liverpool Broad ferry Fields (Liverpool Broad Green); Dennis Canavan (Fal-kirk West); Eddie Loyden (Liverpool Garston); Ron Brown (Edinburgh Leith); Alice Mahon (Halifax); Jimmy Wray (Glasgow Provan); Tony Benn (Chesterfield); Dawn Primarolo (Edited South), Dennis Skinger (Chesterheid); Dawn Primarolo (Bristol South); Dennis Skinner (Bolsover); Max Madden (Bradford West); Pat Wall (Bradford North); Eric Heffer (Liverpool Walton); Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North); Ber-nie Grant (Tottenham); Bob Cryer (Bradford South); Mil-dred Gordon (Bow and Poplar) dred Gordon (Bow and Poplar); Brian Sedgemore (Hackney and Shoreditch); Harry Barnes (Derbyshire North-East); Tony Banks (Newham North-East); Ronnie Campbell (Blyth Val-



An auti-poll tax demonstrator is held firmly by officers during the Southampton protest.

number of writs and court hearings.

according to yesterday's report.

Fraser (Stores), it spent some £80,000 on

Among the main legal proceedings

legal fees over defamation or libel, ,

#### Political sketch

#### Lavender fails to sweeten a stink

"Lavender, sweet lavender!"
The Secretary of State for industry came yesterday to the Commons in a lavender shirt, the lavender of a luminous tropical sunset. Lavender imparts a sweet smell, and Mr Ridley had come sponse; and has often been (they shouted) to hide a stink right. But nobady ever no-

Yet all the perfumes of this little Harrods. To either side of Ridley sat colleagues gravely shaking heads. Barely a voice from his own side was raised in support of his decision to take "no action". Your sketchwriter found himself alone in admiring the minister's decision to beed Lord Melbourne's question: "Can't you leave it alone?" Mr Ridley was leaving it

His isolation was magnificent. He was not, in fact, trying to conceal. The report was there for all to read and (as he put it) "judge for themselves". His task was "not to punish"; and he had decided that it was "not in the public interest" for him to company

That was not the view of many of his colleagues. Such was the rage of Leicestershire North West's David Ashby (against Mohamed Fayed and brother) that he could barely get the words out. "They ... they shouldn't be here" he spluttered, scarlet with in-dignation. They should be (he searched for a measure to match his feelings) er, deponed, as undestrable

aliens ... Deported at once!" On the opposition side. Dale Campbell-Savours was greater villain?" he shouted, "Mohamed Ali ..." And he was drowned by screams of merriment, "No. Mike Tyson". A song popular in your sketchwriter's youth ran "Mohamed/Mohamed Ali/Floats like a butter-Mr Campbell-Savours stung like a butterfly.

Only Labour's Brian Sedgemore (who elegantly hinted that the Tories had debts to pay in this affair) and the Tories' Sir Peter Tapsell (whose lethal Question was a better argument for there being MPs with careers in the cash-dispensers. City than all the debate to follow) drew blood; but Rid-

remind ourselves that Ridley has always been buffered from all sides; has always distrusted the emotional retices when, months after the Arabia would not sweeten event and with hindsight, the man who took the cool view at the time emerges as wiser than contemporary opinion

judged him. It was Ridley who thought we should get off our high horse over the Palklands, way back before the war was dreamed of. We gave him a pretty rough ride them, too, as

A similar reflection emerged from the session which preceded this: Questions to the Foreign Socretary. The Opposition were bouncing up and down about the need for Germany to respect the frontier with Poland. Liverpool's Robert Warring referred to "the irresponsible antics of Kohl". But wasn't Mrs Thatcher being criticized by many such voices, a few weeks ago, for not being enthusiastic enough about

reunification? They have sneaked across the political stage and were yesterday rushing in from the wings and attacking from the

John Browne, however, was very much in the business of admitting that he had been wrong. The performance was abject. The man's career is plainly wrecked, and the question of how he is: actually finished off seemed so carried away that he got his less interesting to your dramatis personae wildly sketchwriter than it did to confused. "Who was the much of the ghoulish tendency, wringing hands in pious distress yesterday, and loving every minute of it. After he had sat down, Sir

Geoffrey Howe (Leader of the House) said absolutely nothing for 28 minutes, sprinkled with words like "melanfly/Stings like a bee". Poor choly and "painful". It was a tour-de-force. He spoke of the need for MPs to remain involved with business and commerce, so that the Commons should not become " House without windows".

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Brilli

Hm. So those holes in the wall were windows. For a moment they looked like

**Matthew Parris** 

#### MPs angry as 'lying Fayeds' keep Harrods

vere entitled to rely on assurances from the Fayeds' professional advisers. "It is, we hope, rare for deception of regulatory authorities to be practised on such a grand scale".

A statement from the Fayeds last night

Director of Public Prosecutions to take report saying: "We find this document and the Department of Trade and Industry are cleared of criticism, because the inspectors' extreme conclusions as it is shocking in the extremity of its

> "The accusations in the report are worthless" they said. "The DTI has in effect disowned the report which the DTI itself commissioned."

said that the decisions of the Government, the Serious Fraud Office and the

The House of Fraser media director ment, the Serious Fraud Office and the

e, it is shocking in its wrongheadedness and it is shocking in its injustice."

But Mr du Cann said: "They have not been cleared of any wrongdoing. There was a catalogue of lies, deception and dishonesty. We must see that such a disaster never occurs again."

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the anguage jungle. Which of the ossible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

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EARTH-STAR

a. The moon

#### Case spawned record number of court actions

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

As well as being one of the longest- were Lourho's attempt in November inspectors' report on the takenver, and running City sagas, the battle for the House of Fraser has spawned a record publish the report and consider referring the Fayeds' takeover to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. In the year after House of Fraser Holdings gained control of House of In January 1989, the High Court backed the Lourho demands. The Court of

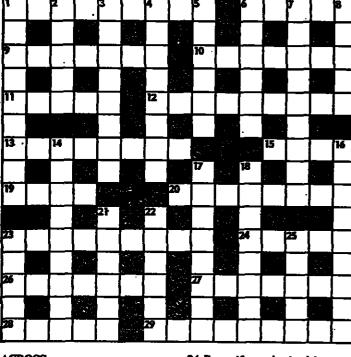
Appeal then overturned the decision. In March 1989, the Observer published purported extracts from the DTI blocking injunctions.

Legal proceedings against newsp started as far back as 1985. Yesterday's report expresses concern at what it calls a rather sinister aspect of the evidence before us: a constant and unprincipless process of gagging the press which was set in operation by Mohamed Fayed".

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#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18.236



#### **ACROSS**

mance (7).

- 1 Reckless type risked injury (9).
- 6 Strength I contributed to partnerships (5).
  9 Administration in African state replaced without me (7). 10 Profit from a special perfor-
- 11 Don't allow little woman this 12 Befitting Jaques's middle-aged
- 13 One's present bid, at first (8). 15 City famous for its listed build-
- 19 Towed drove on left (4). 20 In West I listen, perhaps, for information on reds, etc (4-4).
- 23 Human being going to ground left inside (9).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,235

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24 I'm self-contained, right, as sort of player? (5). 26 A French report's not reliable

27 Connexion leaking out (7). 28 Jack's mackerel bait (5). 29 Measure staff on police force (9).

end (5).

- Shoot over table, making target for arrows (9).
   King, for example, has a name
- for the princess (5). 3 It's stupid, we hear, to start to bowl over (8).
- 4 Person disappearing in vehicle is that female (8). 5 Liable to shift one's position (6). 6 Son not fired, being naturally
- bright (6). 7 Egyptian ruler found if I enter front of tomb, perhaps (9). 8 Branch having flexibility at the
- 14 Speculator in the ring, one on the way up (9). 16 Subsequently decorate part of the vessel (9).
- 17 We can't be so odd, though you may be (8). 18 God for Victoria, say (8). 21 Force's essential part (6).
- 22 Easy, for example, to include a time for siesta (6). 23 Horseplay? (5).
- 25 In this city, I'm turning up is that so? (5).

Coacise Crossword, page 22

#### WEATHER.

Much of Wales and southern England will have a dry day, although there will be drizzle on western coasts. Early rain over Northern Ireland and northern England will die out. It will be quite a cloudy day, although eastern areas could see some sun. Scotland will start bright with sunny spells in the east. North-west Scotland, however, will have heavy showers with some hail and possibly snow. Outlook: rain at times.

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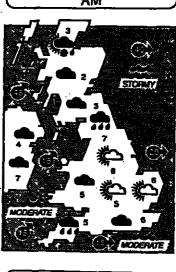
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**USM (Datastream)** 

Market report, page 31

#### **BICC** still supports Eurorail

building the Channel tunnel, reaffirmed its support for Eurorail and denied reports that it and Trafalgar House might pull out.

BICC reported pre-tax profits of £201 million (£156 million) for calendar 1989. It is paying a 13.25p final dividend, making a total up 3p to 19p. Tempus, page 26

#### **GKN** record

Pre-tax profits at GKN rose 20.9 per cent to a record £214.8 million in 1989. A final dividend of 12.5p makes 20p (17p) for the year. Tempus, page 26

#### Ultramar up

Ultramar has almost doubled its net profit to £102.2 million Earnings rose to 27.9p (19.1p).lts net dividend rose

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Page 33 **MAIN PRICE CHANGES** DAKS Simpson 'A' . 472½p (+15p

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US: Prime Rate 10%
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3-month Treasury Bilts 7.90-7.89%
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**CURRENCIES** 

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Lendon Fixing: AM \$402.60 pm-\$400.50 close \$399.75-400.25 (£243.50-244.00 ) New York: Comex \$399.60-400.10\*

**NORTH SEA OIL** 

Brent (Apr.) .... \$19.10 bbl (\$19.45) Denotes letest trading price

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## Inspectors criticize Kleinwort's role in Fraser takeover

# Advisers put under scrutiny

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

report into the takeover of House of Fraser have been sent to the Bank of England and the Law Society, the regulators for the main advisers to the Fayeds in their bid. Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, and Herbert Smith, the solicitor, are both criticized in the report.

The Bank of England, which is also regulator for Harrods Bank, part of the Fayed group, said: "We are studying the report very carefully."

Kleinwort Benson, and in particular Mr John Mac-Arthur, a director who left in 1986, are accused of promoting or lending their name to claims about the Fayeds' wealth which the inspectors found to be false and which they had not independently checked.

"While not disputing that the statements about the Fayeds were made in good faith, we do not consider that Kleinworts undertook adequate independent verification or inquiry before it allowed these statements to be made in its name," the inspectors conclude.

They make it clear that the Fayeds' assets were worth only a fraction of what they portrayed to the public, and were certainly not worth "several billion dollars" as Mr Mac-Arthur said on television the weekend before the Fayeds won control of Fraser.

The inspectors say the assurances apparently given by Kleinworts to the Office of

Copies of the DTI Inspectors' Fair Trading and the DTI Kleinwort Benson noted that Trade Secretary, not to refer the Fayeds' bid to the Monopolies Commission.

Mr Tebbit personally telephoned Mr Michael Hawkes, then the bank's chairman, before making a decision not to vet the Fayeds' bid further. The inspectors quote senior OFT and DTI officials' opin-

ions that assurances given by

Kleinwort directors were central to Mr Tebbit's decision Fall report.

and that "Kleinworts would be taking an enormous risk in the event that it was subsequently proved to be WIODR. The report concludes that, given assurances by Herbert Smith and Kleinworts, it was

reputations of the advisers were aligned with the Fayeds. The inspectors say that there was confusion over the role the advisers were playing in their dealings with the DTL, acting as representatives and advocates or giving independent judgement based on their

"The consequence of the muddle was that a perfectly clear, lasting impression was left with the OFT and the DTI that Kleinworts in particular, but also Herbert Smith. vouched for the Faveds."

own knowledge.

were a big factor in persuading Fraser shareholders had been Mr Norman Tebbit, then duly paid. "There are limits to what can be venified, as the discovered. In the case of noncorporate clients in particular. significant areas are within the sole knowledge of the client," says Kleinwort

The bank also contends: "It was made clear by Kleinwort Benson to the OFT and DTI that in providing information it was relying on what it had reasoned judgement." Herbert Smith, said it was

studying the report and would

not immediately comment.

The inspectors say company law should be tightened in the light of their findings. Mr Nicholas Ridley, Trade Secretary, said he had accepted four of the inspectors' six points and that the most important of these - on making false or reckless stateofficials to think that the

the 1989 Companies Act.

The inspectors draw lessons from the report on the conduct of advisers. They say their responsibility should be more generally clarified, as the lead-Advisers should have a duty to get to know their clients and take responsibility for checking claims made in their name. They suggest the Code needs tightening over information about cash bid-

ders who are not quoted



Standing his ground: Sir Edward du Cann, chairman, at a meeting called by Lonrho to discuss the Fraser report yesterday

#### In a statement on the report. companies. Lonrho 'to seek substantial damages' Sultan refused to co-operate

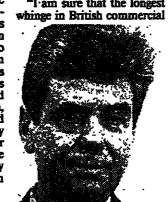
of the House of Fraser takeover, has pledged to seek substantial damages from the Fayed prothers and said it will use the Department of Trade and Industry report on the Fraud Office concluded there matter as evidence.

Sir Edward du Cann, the company chairman, condemned the Government's failure to take legal action against the Fayeds, who bought the Harrods group in 1985, despite the DTI report's findings that the brothers "dishonestly misrepresented their origins, their wealth, their business interests and their resources to the secretary of state, the Office of Fair Trading, the Press, the House of Fraser board, company shareholders and their own advisers".

But HOF said the report was "worthless" and filled Cole: 'the one that got away'

product of unfair investigation and that the accusations made against the brothers had been "rendered obsolete" after authorities such as the Serious was no case to answer.

"I am sure that the longest



Lonrho, the most strident with "baseless calumny". It history will go on and on," to disqualify the Fayeds from critic of Government handling said the document was the said Mr Michael Cole, HOF's the board of Harrods Bank media director, in response to threats of legal action from

land, Lonrho's chief executive, is like Captain Ahab chasing his great white whale and I am pleased to tell him that this is one fish he will

The DTI considers the mat-Ridley, trade secretary, said in the House of Commons that no other matters require action by him. Mr Ridley added: "I have

passed the report to all those authorities concerned with enforcement and regulation, whether to take action under various powers."

L Lourho has made specific ters properly and reach demands as a result of the conclusions which can be report, including proceedings relied upon".

and to strip the store of its Royal warrants. It also wants the Bank of

He added: "Mr Tiny Row- England to revoke the banking authorization of Harrods Sir Edward said: "Person-ally, I think the Fayeds should he forced to leave the coun-

He added that the Governter closed and Mr Nicholas ment, Parliament and the City must act quickly on the DTI report, otherwise the credibility of all three bodies would be

HOF also called for the system to be reformed and said it hoped that in the future the DTI would appoint so that they may consider inspectors who would be knowledgeable enough "to

conduct such important mat-

The Department of Trade House of Fraser by the Fayed brothers finds "very strong pointers" to a link between the money used to buy the company and the wealth of the ltan of Brunei.

The Suitan, who has rejected the description of "the world's wealthiest man", refused to co-operate with the inquiry. His wealth, which has been estimated at US\$25 bil-

production of his small state after Mr Mohamed Fayed had on the north coast of Borneo. Much has been invested by buying properties and busi-nesses abroad, including the Dorchester Hotel in London The inspectors say that Mr

Mohamed Fayed, one of the three Fayed brothers, com-

The Department of Trade pared to allow Mohamed report into the takeover of the Fayed to advise him on a broad range

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

the funds svailable ... Fayeds. In July 1964, when buy the Savoy Hotel, they had only £50.5 million under their immediate control. Yet by late August a moch bigger sum was available. The inspectors said derives from the oil that the timing, coming entered the Sultan's con-

fidence, could be a co-

incidence. "It is however a

very powerful coincidence." The Fayeds, they said, manded the Sultan's "trust control... The Fayeds' sto- tion that the state's assets

The inspectors confirm that Mr Mohamed Fayed bought the Dorchester Hotel in London for the Suitan, and imply he was the source of the House of Fraser deal funds. "The evidence pointing to Brunei is very strong indeed. We have conveyed our findings to the Sultan."

Although the Sultan is a regular visitor to Britain, the inspectors had no authority to demand his co-operation, foreign bead of state. It is thought that the affair has been an embarrassment for the British government, which does not want to apset him.

His advisers say that it is "have been consistently un- absurd to call him the world's able to explain the source of richest man, since this calculathe vast wealth under their tion is based on the assumpand confidence" from about ries about their wealth are May 1984. "It apmost unsatisfacetry — frankly principal palace is reported to pears...the Sultan was pre- we do not believe them..." belong to him personally. His principal palace is reported to have 1,700 rooms.

#### British Gas in £565m offer

By George Sivell

£565 million offer for the Consumers' Gas Company of Canada, subject to regulatory approval by the Canadian authorities. This could take up to six months, it conceded GW Utilities of Toronto,

shares, has agreed to accept the British Gas terms of Can\$34 (£17.50) a share. The move follows the failed £600 million attempt by British Gas to take a controlling stake in Bow Valley, the Canadian oil and gas explorer, in August 1987, which was blocked through the use of Canadian rules on inward

investment. Ultimately Brit-

ish Gas was allowed to take a

which owns 82 per cent of the

British Gas has revealed a 33 per cent stake in Bow ish Gas chairman and chief Valley costing £350 million. Consumers' Gas is a domespointed out yesterday that there is no precedent for an overseas company taking over a Canadian utility.

Also, the Ontario Energy Board will be reviewing Consumers' Gas prices this summmer which are calculated on a return on capital basis, further adding to the regulatory uncertainty surrounding British Gas profits.

Yesterday British Gas shares fell 0.5p to 211.5p. If the deal goes ahead it will raise British Gas borrowings from 18 per cent to 25 per cent of shareholders funds. Mr Robert Evans, the Brit-sumers' Gas can pull out.

executive, said: "We have known Consumers' Gas setic gas utility. Analysts nior management for many years and have developed a respect for the company. As a result our intention would be that Consumers' Gas will continue to be managed and operated from its Toronto headquarters."

Consumers' Gas has more than I million customers. For the year ended September 1989 Consumers' Gas generated a net income of £52 million on gross revenues of £920 million and shareholders funds of £360 million.

If approval is not received by the end of December 1990 either British Gas or Con-

#### Regentcrest turns in £9m losses

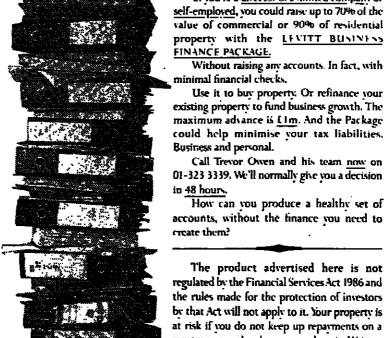
Regenterest has written down the value of its property assets by £6 million following an independent revaluation.

Losses in the six months to last October totalled £9.1 million, against a £2.4 million interim profit. There is again no interim dividend.

Mr Roy Richardson and Mr Don Richardson, chairman and vice-chairman respectively, appear to be planning to take the company private.

Yesterday it was announced that they were contemplating an offer worth 15p a share, which values the company at about £7 million against net

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Pathé is latest to bid for studio with \$1.9bn offer

# MGM sale saga into reel four

From Philip Robinson Los Angeles

MGM/UA Communications, one of Hollywood's oldest studios, famous for its roaring tion logo, is for sale again less than two months after executives said it would be free of ownership uncertainties for 12 months. Last year it received three formal bids which all came to nothing.

The latest deal is a \$1.9 billion bid from Pathe Communications, the former Cannon Group, now owned and run by Signor Giancario Parretti, a former waiter at the Savoy Hotel in London and the son of an Italian olive oil merchant. Within five days Pathé Communications will start a tender offer for all MGM/UA common and preferred

shares at \$20 each. MGM/UA said Tracinda Corporation, Mr Kirk Kerkorian's private investment vehicle which owns almost 72 per cent of the shares, has agreed to the offer and closing of the transaction is expected by June 23. Pathe has agreed to place \$200 million into an escrow account in increments of \$50 million each on March April 9, May 9 and June 9.

It has also granted MGM/UA distribution rights and a security interest in up to \$75 milion of the net distribution proceeds of certain films as additional security for Pathe's performance under the agreement.

MGM's assets encompass a 1,000-

feature film library including Rain Man, which won four Oscars, the Bond, Rocky and Pink Panther film series and the Warner Brothers studio. MGM's shares were quoted up almost \$5 yesterday at \$18% each after the announcement of the Pathé Communications' proposal. Mr Jeffrey Logsdon,

"I'm surprised and sceptical about this All Mr Kerkorian's friendly deals seem to take an unseemly amount of time. Friendly deals, normally take between 60 to 120 days, but his take between six and Connery and Michelle Pfciffer.

entertainment analyst at Croweil,

Weeden, the Los Angeles broker, said:

during that time to cover his overheads." Signor Parretti arrived in Hollywood almost two years ago buying an \$8.9 million Beverly Hills mansion, leasing a blue Rolls-Royce, smoking big cigars, boasting he would spend \$800 million on

film and television production companies, but side stepping questions of how he would provide the money. In the past year he has withdrawn from bids to buy DeLaurentis Entertainment. the ailing film company, and New World Entertainment, renegotiated an outside \$160 million movie production contract down to just two films and told certain

not be receiving their interest payments Pathé announced on Monday it had signed an exclusive five-year deal with MGM/UA to distribute Pathe's films and videos in America. These include Quigley Down Under with Tom Selleck and The Russia House with Sean

bondholders last April that they would

# **BICC** confounds market sceptics

Poor BICC must be wonderper cent and almost unprecedented volume growth from its core European cables operation at a time when its share price languishes more than 150p below its peak last summer and barely changed

market's earlier mistrust of the group, therefore, that pretax profits dead in line with expectation at £201 million, have prompted a 20p rise in year. the share price to 422p.
BICC's tarnished image has

three main roots: its links with building, Australia and the of the housebuilding crisis and convincing. delays in big property com-

In Australasia, sterling earnings were little changed but Ultramar remains an enigma down in Australian dollar terms because of weak man- after widely expected excellent agement in the construction and distribution businesses

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ing just what it has to do to about the new regime at convince this market. The Eurotunnel and says it is company turns in 1989 earn- suffering no losses on the ings per share up more than 20 contract. But the market remains concerned about eventual write-offs of £30 million to £40 million from BICC's 10 per cent stake in the Transmanche-Link consor-

Further advances will come on a year ago.

It is a measure of the of the Brand-Rex businesses bought in the middle of 1989 and from further margins enhancement at BICC Cables. Pre-tax profits should come against £156 million, should in at about £230 million this

It is hard to see how shares in as solid a company as BICC, selling on less than 8 times prospective earnings Channel tunnel. Balfour and offering a yield approach-Beatty, the building arm, saw ing 7 per cent, are anything a £5.2 million profits down-other than undervalued. But turn to £46.1 million because the market may still take some

#### Ultramar

WORLD MARKET INDICES

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Looking to convince the market: Robin Biggam, BICC chief executive, left, and Sir William Barlow, chairman, yesterday

The market cannot decide

or 81 per cent if exceptional earnings play overlooks the profits of a year ago are potential from its exploration and production activities which appear to be robust. whether Ultramar should be Even the more cautious of rated on earnings or assets. Ultramar's City followers, like Smith New Court, believe the Treating the group as an

price down 5p on the day. The 25 per cent discount looks an anomaly in a sector where sales is 37 per cent against 68 most exploration and production companies trade much closer to full asset value or even at a premium. As an tribution are fast making a earnings stock, Ultramar did nothing to disappoint shareholders. The much queried purchase of the Wilmington refinery in California appears to have paid off handsomely. With higher Indonesian production and more throughput in US and Canadian refineries, Ultramar looks comfortably able to carn £116 million net, putting the shares on a p/e of 11.5. This is attractive for

the medium term but

shareholders should beware

#### the over bullish estimates from some City houses. **GKN**

GKN shares - up 8p at 399p - basked in market glory after the group posted 1989 pre-tax profits well above expectations.

and operational spread that should not be forgotten.

from the sale and leaseback of

contribution from Heywood's

US camper window business

properties. The

appraised asset value to be about 485p per share compared with the 364p share lion to £214.8 million on sales 13.4 per cent higher at £2.69 billion. The UK element of per cent 10 years ago, and the "car" factor a mere 6 per cent.

Industrial services and dismore decided profits impact, and though international politicial peace looks like breaking out across Europe, GKN's defence interests remain solid. It holds a direct 22 per cent stake in Westland with which

it is "very happy." There should be further pretax profits growth there this year, albeit at a slower pace. Meanwhile, gearing at 44.6 per cent (35.6 per cent) which saw the interest charge run up from £21.1 million to £33.6 million could well restrain net

A likely pre-tax outcome of £225 million for a 4 per cent net earnings growth puts the shares on 7.7 times earnings. But market emphoria is only expected to last while the inflation clouds hold, and the shares' vulnerability to darkened business sentiment

quarter from new constitut-

tion and the balance from the

car industry. Mr Hinchliffe

said that the downturn was

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Fairey Group jumps by 43% to £12.5m Fairey Group, boosted by continued involvement in the refurbishment of the National Grid, saw pre-tax profits spart There cent to £12.5 million in the year to December

43 per cent to £12.5 million in the year to December.

Electronics and electrical power activity contributed £30.6 million in sales out of group turnover of £83.2 million (£82.1 million). The filtration and specialized ceramics division profits jumped 63 per cent to £4.3 million, but defence chipped in £1.5 million against £2.6 million. A final of 5p makes 7.4p on earnings of 24.7p. County NatWest expects £14.5 million pre-tax this year giving earnings of 28.1p.

#### Life Sciences Mersey dock

Life Sciences, the Jaboratory equipment group, increased pre-tax profits 47 per cent to a record £9 million for the year ending December, on turnover of £58.2 million (£43.5 million). Three acquisitions contributed £1 million pre-tax. The total dividend rose 44 per cent to 2.3p (1.6p) on earnings of

results record profits slump Last year's national dock strike cost the Mersey Docks & Harbour Company almost £14 million in lost cargoes and redundancy payments, according to the company. Pre-tax profits in the year to December fell by 24 per cent to 24.9 million. A maiden final dividend of

2.83p a share took total

#### 6.2p (4.4p). T&L sale raises £57m

Tate & Lyle, the sugar and sweeteners group, is to raise £36.9 million by selling Unitank, its bulk liquid storage business. bringing total proceeds from a series of disposals since ber to £275 million. The asset sales are designed to cut net borrowings of £770 million at year-end.

Unitank, which made operating profits of £5.3 million on sales of £21 million in the year to September, has been sold to GATX Terminals of the US. The saleputs Tage on track to reduce gearing to about 100 per cent by year-end, down from 159 per cent last September.

#### Millwall pubs Two more go bid success

Millwall has declared its £10 million bid for Tavern Leisure, the pub group, unconditional as to acceptances after winning coutrol of more than 81 per cent of the shares. Millwall has received acceptances from 73.8 per cent of Tavern shareholders to add to the 7.5 per cent it acquired since the start of the offer.

from Sintrom

Sintrom fell 13p to 52p after Mr Ian McQuattie, finance director, and Mr John Watts, marketing director resigned over "policy differences" surrounding the computer services cor The departures follow the resignation, also over policy differences, of Mr Teny Cave as chief executive.

Write

#### Heywood Williams suffers slowdown blamed the deterioration on about £1 million was gained building refurbishment, a

COMPANY RESULTS IN BRIEF

By Jeremy Andrews

Heywood Williams, Britain's on the home improvement largest glass merchant and market. processor, suffered a slowdown in the second half of last year. Profits were up only 2 year to December, despite being 18 per cent ahead at the -18.0 interim stage. Mr Ralph Hinchliffe, the chairman, Britain was more marked as -18.4

GALLIFORD (Int)

Div: 0.95p (0.85p)

EPS: 12.6p (9.8p) Div: 3p mkg 4.25p

Div: 3.5p (2.75p)

Div: 1.5p (1.25p) SUTTON DIST. WATER

Pre-tax: £4.07m (£3.92m) EPS: 3.47p (3.67p)

**METAL BULLETIN (Fin)** 

Div: 3.9p mkg 6p (5.3p)

PICKWICK GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £4.40m (£3.31m)

DOMESTIC & GEN. (Int) -Pre-tax: £1.46m (£1.04m) EPS: 12.84p (9.49p)

WILLIAM SINCLAIR (Int) Pre-tax: £1.45m (£1.12m)

Pre-tax: £1.41m (£1.30m) EPS: 10.1p (9.7p)

the effect of high interest rates Turnover rose by 9 per cent

to £306 million and fully diluted earnings per share per cent at £31 million in the were up only 0.1p at 32.8p. The final dividend is to rise 0.5p to 8p. The trading setback in

Turnover climbed by 18 per cent to

£97.1m in the half-year. Company expects a "satisfactory"

Company reports that the positive

trends experienced in the second half of 1989 are still present.

Last year's total dividend was 3.25p.

Chairman says group has significant

market presence in all product areas. Turnover £53.3m (£41.5m).

£11.9m. Investment income up 70 per cent to £1.83m. Gross premiums

Company is investing in a project aimed at producing a range of

Final results. Turnover up 24 per

cent to £7.83m. Exceptional charges

recycled organic products for

gardeners and landscapers.

Turnover £9.97m (£9.21m).

Turnover up 46 per cent to

rose 56.8 per cent £9.86m.

result for the full year.

where the company has been making acquisitions.

EPS: 3.0p (6.5p)

EPS: 12.9p (9.7p) Div: 1.5p mkg 2.5p

Pre-tax: Loss £83,000 LPS: 2.2p (EPS 5.3p)

Pre-tax: £1.03m (£0.77m)

WHINNEY MACKAY (Int) Pre-tax: £0.15m (£0.38m)

Pre-tax: £0.88m (£0.68m)

Div: 1p (2p)

**INSTEM (Fin)** 

LAWTEX (Int)

Div: 0.5p (0.5p)

TLS RANGE (Fin)

EPS: 5.2p (5.2p)

EPS: 1.3p (4.3p) Div: 1.6p (1.6p)

*Div:* 1.8p

"pretty well uniform." Marwas £1 million up at £2,5million and there was an addigins were affected more than tional £500,000 from Europe volume but the problems were

last time.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

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More than half of Hey- processing operations by wood's business comes from third in the past 12 months.

exacerbated by Heywood raising the capacity of its glassprocessing operations by a

WESTMINSTER CTY. PRP. Pre-tax: £0.09m (£0.33m) Interim results. Turnover, excluding joint ventures, climbed by 24 per cent to £1.47m. No tax charge due to over-provision in previous years. Last year's total dividend was 2.5p. Turnover increased to £8m (£7.56m).

Comparative figures are for the 33 weeks to end-December, 1988. Last year's pre-tax profit was £218,000. The company said 1989's dry and sunny weather severely affected its umbrella business. Company says the beneficial effects of acquisitions made last

Company is buying Hoggett Lock-Necrews for £1.5m and also

## of £778,000, against £253,000

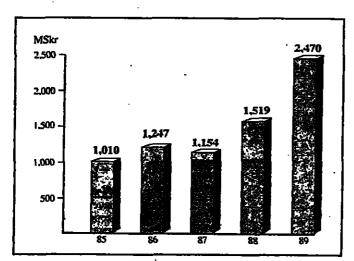
Turnover up at £6.36m (£4.39m).

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SKF 1989 Results

# SKF profits increase 63%



Year to December 31, 1989	Increase	Swedish Kronor	Sterling equivalent
Income after financial income and expense	+63%	2,470m	234m
Earnings per share	+56%	14,15	1.34
Proposed dividend per share	+21%	4,25	0.40

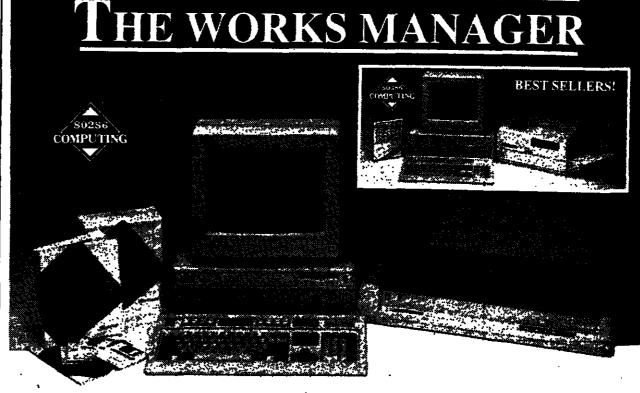
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Banks fail

to halt

# Polygram makes record profit as CD sales climb

which is likely to continue to no dividend - a Fl 100 milincrease in line with inflation, according to the president of Philips before the float. Polygram, the third largest record company in the world and the largest outside the US.

Mr David Fine was announcing record 1989 figures from Polygram, which made its début in December on the New York and Amsterdam markets, raising \$560 million. About 80 per cent of the company is still held by Philips,

the Dutch electronics group. million guilders (£163 million) from Fl 385 million in

lion payment was made to

The majority of sales, about 68 per cent, were from pop music, with the two bestselling albums last year coming from Fine Young Cannibals, with sales of 5 million. and Tears for Fears.

Mr Fine saw little prospect volve the release of more US hands has slipped since the float from 9.2 per cent to 4.2 the year to end-December, on per cent, with Japanese in-

There is no chance of a fall in sales up from F1 3,426 million stitutions showing strong in-the price of compact discs, to F1 4,105 million. There is terest in owning the shares. other formats, he added.

The proportion of sales accounted for by compact soever that the public isn't iscs rose from 29 per cent in 1988 to 37 per cent last year, against just 20 per cent for the

traditional LP. Mr Fine attacked "irresponsible" criticism of record companies inflating the price of their CDs, claiming that CD margins were no higher than of a London listing for on other products, and that Polygram, as this would in- without its profits from CDs without its profits from CDs effectively cross-subsidizing shares by its Dutch parent. other formats Polygram could Pre-tax profits rose to 515 The extent of the company in not afford to record on cas-

sette and LP. By 1992 CD sales worldwide were likely to go through needed expansion in the US.

dollar advance By Colin Narbrough

A renewed assault on the "There's no evidence whatdollar by the central banks failed to force the US currency buying CDs. I don't think the down more than temporarily

price of full-price CDs will go against the sagging yen and the shaky West German mark. Polygram spent about \$250 Though yesterday's inter-vention by 13 central banks, million last year on its artists and is set to repeat this investspearbeaded by the Bundesment this year. Last year it acquired Island Records for bank, brought the dollar down during the European day, it finished 0.80 of a pfennig \$272 million, and during the higher at DM1.7080 and 0.75 six months it was under Poly-

gram's ownership it made a

negative impact after financ-Sidelined by the action, the pound slipped 0.2 of a point ing costs to the figures. on its trade-weighted index to At the end of the year end at 87.8, off the day's low. Polygram acquired A&M for \$460 million in a much-It was nearly a cent lower at \$1.64 and more than half a pfennig down at DM2.7995.

The anti-dollar campaign comes as foreign exchange markets await an early rise in Japanese interest rates, probably to be followed by a similar move in West Germany. The central banks, including the Bank of England, sold dollars for yen and marks, underlining a fresh commitment by the Group of Seven leading economies to prevent excessive decline of the yen and mark.

of a yen firmer at Y151.20.

Meeting at Nagoya, Japan, senior officials reaffirmed G7's commitment to combating depreciation of the two currencies, fearful that further decline would make it more difficult for Japan and West Germany to achieve a desired

adjustment in trade flows. Meanwhile, figures out yesterday showed sharp rises in West Germany's trade surplus and output in January.

• In contrast to other recent

surveys, the Institute of Directors' bi-monthly survey reports a "marked upturn" in business confidence and signs of a surge in investment in the

#### CRH jumps to pre-tax £76m

Pre-tax profits at CRH, the Irish building materials group. rose by 27 per cent to Ir£80.6 million (£76.7 million) in 1989. CRH spent Ir£70.4 million on acquisitions and investments and in January it paid Ir£48 million to Anglo United for Coalite Building Supplies. Last month it paid Ir£13 million for three building product companies in the

United States. CRH is to launch two convertible capital bonds, raising lr£75 million and \$72 million. Shareholders are offered Ir£i nominal of the Irish issue for every 3.809 ordinary. A second interim of 3.5p makes 5.25p against 4.5p.

#### COMMENT

# No more slips for Gas in Canadian market

obert Evans who succeeded the has more than a little to prove with the ity shareholders and in its exercise of the planned purchase of Toronto-based Consumers Gas. After the fiasco with tion of intellectual property, came up Bow Valley, the Canadian exploration with a figure of £50 million to £60 and production company, plus another million for the Lloyd Webber copyrights aborted bid in New Zealand, Mr Evans can hardly afford a slip if he is to retain credibility with his City fan club.

latest attempt to buy into Canada has not been unduly rushed under pressure of the need to be seen doing something post-privatization. The interested parties have been talking since November. The target company has the added attraction, unlike Bow Valley, of being a gas transmission company, the core business of British Gas, where the bulk

of its experience and expertise lies. With 82 per cent of the common stock pledged from a single holder. British Gas has little but regulatory hurdles to fear though, of course, anything could happen in the obligatory tender offer period. Mr Evans appears to have selected a favourable regulatory regime which allows profits made within an agreed price structure and capital return targets to be retained. Consumers Gas seems to be well run for it has managed to beat the return on capital targets regularly in recent years.

There will be negligible dilution in year one and a reasonable contribution thereafter. The price, five times cash flow and 11 times historic earnings per share, is also a sensible one which will win plaudits from Gas shareholders. The group's progress may have looked pedestrian in recent years. But, in these dull days for British industry, the 15 per cent earnings growth expected for Gas this year and next become relatively much more attractive. Add in the 1991 prospective yield of about 7.6 per cent and the shares look well worth holding.

#### Pulling the RUG

he non-executive directors of Really Useful Group have accepted the inevitable and are recommending the offer from Mr. Andrew Lloyd Webber, the composer, to take the company private again at 233p a share. As has been pointed out before, with Mr Lloyd Webber sitting on a controlling 52.5 per cent, they had little choice.

Investors can have few quibbles with the shares' performance, having bought in at the equivalent of 110p in 1986, but they might not wish to be bundled towards the exit at a prospective earnings multiple of just 13 times, on RUG's own profits forecast.

Interim results to end-December show pre-tax profits of £4.66 million against £2.79 million and a forecast of at least £9.5 million for the current year. There is no interim dividend.

There is also the small matter of the combative Sir Denis Rooke as asset valuation. Wertheim Schroder, on combative Sir Denis Kooke as asset valuation. We have a safet valuation. notoriously-difficult science of valuaunder the company's control.

RUG has about £10 million cash in the bank and its Palace Theatre is Unlike the Bow Valley foray, the valued at £7 million. Liabilities are "negligible," we are told, but are sufficient to put Mr Lloyd Webber's £77 million offer at a slight premium to net

It seems a pity that Schroders did not go the whole hog and produce a net asset value for the world to see in all its naked glory. The independent directors admit that the offer does not include the kind of premium which might have been the shareholders' right if Mr Lloyd Webber did not have control.

Investors might do well to remember the whole sorry affair the next time a hyped-up media group controlled by a show business household name starts eyeing their money.

#### Hitch for Indosuez

he City held its breath for Banque Indosuez to fanfare its heavilyleaked acquisition of Gartmore, the fund manager, yesterday, but it was greeted with silence. The £130 million deal has hit a classic last-minute hitch. The problem is a group of 60 from Gartmore's senior management who represent the core of the company's marketing skill. If they leave, Indosuez would not be left with much for its

So the French bank is negotiating new contracts with them, presumably offering packages generous enough to convince them that their new parent is a good thing. At the same time, Indosuez's negotiators are soothing any nerves that the new set-up will rob Gartmore of its dealing independence and push it closer to WI Carr. Indosuez's London broker. Talks are behind schedule and Indosuez has cancelled its London roadshow but the deal should be completed this afternoon or Friday at the latest

Unfortunately, M Antoine Jeancourt-Galignani, Indosuez's chairman, will not be in London to celebrate his latest acquisition: he has a pressing engagement in Istanbul. There, he and M Etienne Davignon, head of Belgium's Générale de Banque, are opening Euroturk, their joint-venture bank in the country. The day will be filled with meetings with the governor of the bank of Turkey and even a short chat with Mr Turgut Ozal, the country' president. Turkey's expanding economy is a promising market for Indosuez, and M Jeancourt-Galignani has been forced to reveal his priorities.

# Gent and Lego build up outlets

SR Gent, the Marks and Spencer clothing supplier, has signed a deal with Lego to make a range of Lego brand children's wear for the Ameri-

Gent already makes the Lego clothes for Marks and Spencer and has recently in-troduced the range in Ger-many. The US Lego clothes will be designed in London, made in North Carolina and go on sale nationwide: Mr Peter Wolff, chairman and joint chief executive, says that, when established, the business should add more than \$10

Pre-tax profits for the six mouths to December 1989 rose 33.1 per cent to £1.36 million on turnover up 12.6 per cent to £58.9 million. Earnings per share rose 21 per cent to 2.3p and the interior is up 25 per



Seeking monster turnover: Peter Wolff at the Science Museum Lego exhibition in London

# to £16m

The heavy cost of financing its 52,000-car contract hire fleet and losses in its commercial vehicle rental operations caused profits at T Cowie, the motor dealer, to fall £9 million in the second half, leaving the pre-tax total 36 per cent lower at £16.1 million in the year to December, Fully-diluted earnings per share fell by a third to 10.9p and the final dividend drops from 4p to 3p.

Mr Tom Cowie, the founder and chairman, denied the dividend cut was because the company is having problems servicing its £320 million of borrowings. He said the total dividend of 4.2p gave a vield of more than 10 per cent with

£16 million to £38 million.

the shares at 52p. Cowie's interest charge rose

#### ISS success

The recommended offer for Mainmet, the meter equipment group, was declared unconditional as ISS, the Danish cleaning group, won control of 77.3 per cent after receiving acceptances from 66.3 per cent of investors.

#### Mosaic grows

Mosaic Investments, the industrial holding company, is buying Iddon, Bailey, Hey-dinger Advertising & Design for up to £2.22 million.

Charles Scott, a corporate

financier at BZW and one of

the three sons of Sir James

#### Cowie dips | OFT studies debit | card complaints By Neil Bennett

tronic debit card, after complaints from Barclays and

competitive. Mr Seymour Fortescue, Barclays' director of personal banking, has written to Sir Gordon Borrie, chairman of the OFT, saying Switch "re- Connect Visa card. stricts the bank's ability to compete." This follows the rejection of Barclays' applica-

tion to join Switch. Switch is owned jointly by

The Office of Fair Trading is minster and the Royal Bank of to look into Switch, the electronic debit card, after com- Waldman, Switch's new chairman, is expected to be questioned by the OFT next week. Lloyds banks that it is anti-

The Switch banks have demanded that Barclays and Lloyds make Switch their main debit card, but Barclays is insisting on keeping its

At present, Barclays can only offer Visa and Mastercard merchant acquisition to retailers, while Switch members can process payments Midland. National West- from all three systems.

#### Writs against former Eagle Trust directors

By Jeremy Andrews

of its long-delayed 1988 accounts. Eagle Trust, the engineering and film camera group, is taking action against seven former directors.

It arises out of the company's involvement in a failed parcels carrier and a luxury vehicle builder in America which led to £53 million

The writs are against Mr Leslie Thomas, Mr Richard

On the eve of the publication Smith, Mr Robert Black, Mr Martin Baker, Dr Donald Hardwick, Mr Hamish Janson and Mr Clive Whiley alleging a breach of fiduciary duty and duty of skill and care as directors. In the case of Mr Richard Smith, the writ also alleges fraud.

The accounts are likely to be heavily qualified by Eagle's auditors, Peat Marwick Mc-Lintock, when they are published this morning.

#### Ricardo rejects 180p offer

By Our City Staff

Ricardo Group, the Sussexbased engine designer, has rejected a 180p all-paper approach from its 15 per cent shareholder, First Technology, the security and safety

systems group.

First Technology, which lost a 170p bid for Ricardo a year ago, said a new bid would not be made unless it was recommended. It is unhappy about Ricardo's agreed merger with SAC International which, it says, values Ricardo at 135p and which would dilute its stake to about 6 per

Ricardo's shares rose 18p to

155p yesterday. First Technology intends to vote against the merger with SAC International at an extraordinary meeting on Monday. It will tell other Ricardo shareholders that if the merger is not voted through it will renew its approach.

Dr Doug Taylor, chairman of Ricardo, said the offer of 180p a share fell far short of the premium necessary to acquire control of the business.

The merger with SAC International was consistent with Ricardo's long-term strategy and was in the best interests of Ricardo's shareholders.

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# Scott does the decent thing

Scott, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, was the hero of the Unlisted Securities Market dinner — for 1.200 people — at the Grosvenor House Hotel on Tuesday. Having paid £100 for just one ticket in an upmarket raffle to win a £13,500 Scimitar sports car — the latest model, donated by its USMquoted manufacturer, Reliant - Scott, aged 35, won the prize. It was especially coveted by the assembled diners since it bore the registration plate "USM I" - donated by another USM company. Alan Paul, the Liverpool hairdressing group - which boosted the total value by another £25,000 or so. But Scott, who normally drives around in a somewhat more staid Volvo estate. admitted that the winning ticket had been bought "with corporate money" and gallantly handed the prize back. to be auctioned by guest speaker Jeffrey Archer in aid of the chosen charity of the evening, the NSPCC. In the event it fetched £77,000 with USM-quoted Xtra-vision an Irish-based chain of video rental shops - bidding against Blenheim Exhibitions. The eventual buyer was Richard Murphy, 29-year-old chairman of Xira-vision, whose net worth is already estimated to

be in the region of £10 million.

With a total of £125,000 thus

raised for charity. Scott, whose

brother Alex trains race

horses, and whose Victorian



man's gain - as WPP subsidiary JW Thompson discovered yesterday. For despite fielding Chris Jones, chief executive of JWT, in its team to pitch for the business, it lost its £15 million TSB account after more than 10 years. The victor in the pitching battle was Dewe Rogerson, better known as a financial PR agency. "People always think of us as

family pile. Rotherfield Park, encompasses-a large number of Hampshire acres, tells me: "There is more glory in doing that than riding around in a little red sports car."



"Come down to Harrods, and I'll show you what happens to lads who tell lies"

Dewe wins a 'T Yes B' One man's loss is another the past eight years, the single

2 PR agency, but in fact, for campaign last year," he said.

biggest source of income for the group has been advertising," bemoans Anthony Car-lisle, chief executive of Dewe Rogerson and an "ad" man himself. Dewe Rogerson has already done some work for TSB Group, but never for the high-spending TSB Bank be-fore, "We handled its share offer campaign, the one with bowler hats, and the T Yes B

Not grousing It might be a little unfair to the

creatures - and animal rights activists continue to complain but shooting and stalking in Scotland generates about £78 million a year and creates the equivalent of 7,212 full-time jobs, according to a new report. The survey, by the Fraser of Allander Institute at Strathclyde University, was commissioned by the British Association for Shooting and Conservation - who else? and the Scottish Development Agency. And it also concludes that foreigners - and City gents - who visit Scotland for the shooting tend to spend more than ordinary tourists. By a not inconsiderable amount. Apparently they will happily fork out up to £10,000 per person per week on top-

quality grouse shooting and

deer stalking

#### the Savoy At a reunion lunch for past and present employees of the press office of the Savoy Hotel, hosted by MD Giles

Shepard, it was revealed that it was that office which formed the basis of the British Tourist Authority. After the First World War, it campaigned for a "Brighter London." which developed into the "Come to Britain" movement and finally the BTA. Adding to the historical intrigue, both melba toast and peche melba were on the menu - recalling days when Australian diva Dame Nellie Melba regularly took a suite there. She apparently had erratic eating habits, feasting and starving on alternate days. To accommodate this, then Savoy head chef Auguste Escoffier invented melba toast for her "thin days" and peche melba for "fat days." My source also let slip that the man who could perhaps be described as Dame Nellie's contemporary counterpart. Luciano Pavarotti, is staying at the hotel - his favourite -

● Lord King's son-in-law. Melvyn Marckus, better known as the City editor of The Observer, breathed a sigh of relief when the DTI report on the Fayed takeover of Harrods was finally published. Five years ago, before the responsibilities of marriage. he pledged, in an open letter that he would resign "should it eventually be proven" that the Fayeds had used their own money to buy House of Fraser. "I'm very relieved," he

Carol Leonard

# How the Fayeds 'repeatedly lied' the

#### HOUSE OF FRASER REPORT

The Government appointed inspectors to investigate the takeover of House of Fraser by the Egyptian Fayed brothers after the

Fayeds' claim that the £615 million bid could be met

from their own resources was questioned. The following gives the full conclusions of the

inspectors' findings

misrepresented their orios, their wealth, their business interests and their resources to the Secretary of State, the OFT, the Press, the HOF Board and HOF shareholders, and their own

During the course of our investigations we received evidence from the Fayeds, under solemn affirmation and in written memoranda, which was false and which the Fayeds knew to be false. In addition, the Fayeds produced a set of documents they knew to be false. This false evidence related mainly, but not exclusively, to their background, their past business activities and the way in which they came to be in control of enormous funds in the autumn of 1984 and the spring of 1985. The Fayeds had at their disposal

on 31 October 1984 deposits of £50.5 million and \$330 million at Royal Bank of Scotland ("RBS") in London and \$225 million in cash and securities at a Swiss bank. We have seen no credible evidence to explain how the Fayeds came to control such sums. We are of the view that these sums, or at any rate a large part of them, were not beneficially owned by the Fayeds and had come under their control not long before

Because of those limits on our powers we have been unable to discover conclusive evidence to prove the source of the funds which were used in the acquisition. We do not consider that there is any reasonable chance that we would uncover such evidence if we continued our investigations any longer. The evidence before us, however, indicates that it is likely that the Fayeds used their association with the Sultan of Brunei and the opportunities afforded to them by the possession of wide powers of attorney from the Sultan of Brunei to enable

them to acquire those funds. The lies which the Fayeds were telling about themselves and their resources were given a credibility they would not have otherwise attained when they were repeated by their very reputable advisers. Their advisers accepted at face value what they were told by the Fayeds. In our opinion they did not take sufficient steps to check the accuracy of what they were

The Fayeds were allowed to proceed with the acquisition of HOF by AIT without reference to the MMC for further inquiry (or other Government hindrance)

It has been Government policy, following a statement in July 1984, that references to the MMC should be made primarily on competition grounds. Ministers were readily satisfied that no such grounds existed in this case. The practical effect of this policy was that references to the MMC on other grounds involving the public interest were only made in really exceptional cases. An example of such a case would be one in which

vital strategic interests are at stake. HOF was not regarded as one of these,

The Secretary of State saw no practical alternative but to accept the representations and assurances which were made to him. and in particular those which he and his officials saw as having been made by the Fayeds Kleinworts and Herbert Smith coupled with the comfort he derived from the recommendation of the Fayeds' bid by the HOF Board and Warburgs.

#### **BUSINESS INTERESTS &** INCOME GENERATION

The OFT, and subsequently the DTI, were left with a seriously misleading impression of the Fayeds' business interests and wealth after an oral session at the OFT on 11 March 1985 attended by the Fayeds, Kleinworts and Herbert Smith which was followed by a factually wrong written submission accompanied by qualified letters of support from Kleinworts and Herbert Smith.

We consider that two press releases which stated that the Fayed family "has widespread international interests including, in particular, ship-owning, luxury hotels, construction, oil, oil services, banking and property", conveyed an entirely wrong impression and were likely to

(i) Shipowning — The Fayeds only owned two 1,600 ton roll-on roll-off Mediterranean cargo fezries and 14 vessels which they had recently bought as part of a small enterprise in Dubai which pro-vided services to the local offshore (ii) Luxury Hotels - The

Fayeds owned only one luxury hotel, the Ritz Hotel in Paris. (iii) Construction - The Fayeds' involvement as middlemen in connection with construction projects in Dubai and other countries in the United Arab Emirates had ended for all practical purposes at the end of the

1970s, and in 1984-85 they had no current involvement at all. (iv) Oil - The Fayeds had small (6 per cent and 16 per cent) minority interests in two oil concessions in Abu Dhabi. These had been granted in 1980 and 1981 and their exploitation since that time had not yielded commercial quantities of oil. In 1984-85 the concessions were of

(v) Oil services - The Fayeds owned one very small British company which yielded a profit for the first time (of £8,000) in 1985 and the small company in Dubai which is mentioned under (i) above which had been loss-

making prior to 1984. (vi) Banking — The Fayeds owned a 4.9 per cent stake in a Texas bank with a value of \$8.7 million in March 1985.

(vii) Property - The Fayeds owned quite valuable interests in property, particularly in Great Britain, USA and France. The underlying capital value of their interests in some of these properties had appreciated since they were acquired, but none of them were wealth-producing and the

Fayeds did not suggest that they

The Fayeds represented in March 1985 that they were international businessmen who, from the profits of their businesses, had accumulated in their central bank accounts at Compagnie de Festion et de Banque Gonet SA ("Banque Gonet") in Switzerland sufficient funds to acquire HOF without having to borrow any money at all. We are of the very clear opinion that none of the activities of the Fayeds of which we have been told generated sufficient cash for the Fayeds to have been in a for the Fayeds to have been in a position to acquire HOF, or any own funds.

(i) We received no worthwhile evidence to support their claim that by the time they left Egypt in 1962 they had accumulated £20 million, mostly inherited wealth, and we reject that claim;

(ii) Shipowning and shipping -(a) The profits which the Fayed companies made on the two cargo ferries were extinguished by the interest payments on the loans they incurred;

(b) The profits of their Gilnavi and Genavco groups of companies were negligible in the context of the sums required to buy HOF; (c) In 1984 their Dubai company, International Marine Services (IMS), made a profit of £1.1 million which was negligible in

(iii) Luxury hotels — The Ritz Hotel, Paris made a loss on ordinary activities in the years 1983-85 and the Fayeds never suggested that it was the source of the funds they used to acquire

(iv) Construction — We are satisfied that Mohamed did not retain commissions in excess of £50 million net, spread over 15 years, in connection with construction contracts in Dubai and other Emirate States. Even on his

source did not exceed about £85

(v) Oil - The oil concessions generated no income at all and were not likely to. £8,4 million had been realized on the sale of half of the Fayed interests in one of the concessions in the early 1980s. (vi) Oil services - See (ii)(c) above for IMS: their British company made a profit of £8,000

from their National Bancshares Corporation shares were negligible

possibility very carefully. We have no hesitation in concluding that this story is untrue.

The Fayeds' assets were worth a

(vii) Banking - The dividends in the context of the sums required to buy HOF.

fraction of what they portrayed to the public. They were certainly not worth "several billion dollars", as a director of Kleinworts said on television on 10 March 1985. Although the Fayeds were rich by the standards of the average man, they had assets of only modest value in the context of a £600 million cash acquisition. The largest values which they attrib-uted to their assets in 1985, and

• The lies which the Fayeds were telling about themselves and their resources were given a credibility

they would not have otherwise attained when they were repeated by their very reputable advisers. 9

purchased for its income-generating ability but for capital appreciation. The income from their business interests in property was negligible in the context of the

sums required to buy HOF.
(ix) Other — Other business interests which yielded income were a right to receive commission on sales of Gulfstream aircraft in 1981-84 (\$8 million), profits from the film Chariots of Fire (\$20 million up to 1985), and fees from the management of the Dubai Trade Centre (in excess of \$1 million a year). These were nexligible in the context of the sums required to buy HOF.

At a late stage of our investigations we were told by the Fayeds that the monies deposited in RBS were their share from the dissolution of a secret oil trading syndicate. We have examined this

(viii) Property — The Fayeds which they would still maintain today, are still hope values future expectations of a value of a trading name or of a reversionary interest in property. The values which were given to the OFT and the DTI in March 1985 were greatly overstated. Nor were, or are, they bankable assets in the context of the HOF acquisition. The figure for cash holdings which

they gave then was plainly wrong. BACKGROUND

The Fayeds are not "members of an old established Egyptian family who for more than 100 years were shipowners, landowners and industrialists in Egypt" as was said of them with their knowledge, in November 1984 and as was repeated in a draft of their offer document which was provided by Kleinworts on 13 March 1985 to the DTI. After very detailed

by a visit by a member of our staff to Egypt we conclude that they came from respectable but humble origins and are the sons of a The Fayeds had not, as they had

claimed to us, accumulated £20 million outside Egypt by the time of nationalization in 1962 from their inherited wealth and busi-The Fayeds produced to us birth

certificates which were false and which they knew to be false. They repeatedly lied to us about their family background, their early business life and their wealth.

Furthermore, in the course of giving their own English solicitor a tour of properties and people during a visit to Egypt in Septemhim to obtain an incorrect impression of their past or allowed him to develop that impression unchecked. He returned to England and gave his account of what he had seen and heard to us in good faith. Very little of it stood up to independent inquiry.

THE PRESS

The true facts about the provenance of the Fayeds' funds, or any evidence which came close to the true facts, were strenuously denied by the Fayeds, and attempts to investigate their fi-nances by the Press were frustrated or impeded by threats of legal action. Much of this activity took place after April 1985, but the steps which they took from November 1984 onwards (which included vigorous action by their lawyers and emphatic public statements which were quite untrue) to deny the evidence which was beginning to emerge, led to a public acceptance of the picture painted by the Fayeds and their advisers.

During the course of our investigations the Fayeds made serious accusations of lack of professional integrity against a responsible freelance journalist who had discovered the true story of their Egyptian past. We inquired into these allegations at greath length and we reject them. -Certain aspects of press coverage in this case concern us deeply,

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because the overall impression: created by the Press in a matter of" this complexity is widely accepted. ~ **MANAGEMENT OF HOF** 

We are of the view that the representations made by the

Fayeds to the Secretary of State and others about the future. management of HOF were sin-1. cerely meant at the time. Furthermore, we consider that Mohamed and Ali Fayed have taken a close and personal interest in the HOF. e doubt, however, if

The Fayeds have SHOACC management of HOF the extensive autonomy which they said they intended to give it. Mohamed Fayed has been concerned primarily with Harrods where his leader- \*\* ship has been, to say the least, mercurial. Ali Fayed as Chairman of House of Fraser (Stores) Lim-ited ("HOF (Stores)"), is more" inclined to let his managers man-" age without interference. The Fayeds are more deeply involved " in the management of HOF thanthey originally said they would be... No undertakings were, however, required of them when they were permitted to acquire HOF without an MMC reference.

There has been a large turnover : of senior executives in the group. This has been due partly to the need to inject "new blood" into the group after the war of attrition. with Lonrho. A partial cause, however, has been the inability of Mohamed Fayed to delegate or to leave senior directors of companies within the group with the

#### authority they expect. KLEINWORT BENSON

The representatives of Kleinworts accepted the image and the claimed wealth of the Fayeds. To some extent they added to that image when they adopted earlier "

# Tiny's unstoppable war machine

bidding for inquiry. House of Fraser, Yet th real target, Harrods, in December 1981, Mr Tiny Rowland, chief executive, said that he had lost a battle but not the war. He was true to his word, making nonsense of the Monopolies Commission's conclusion that "We do not think any continuing uncertainty would be serious enough to damage House of

bid by Alfayed Investment and ownership of funds used Trust, vehicle of Mr Mo- to make the bid. hamed Fayed and his brothers, won control of the made the Prime Minister the majority of Fraser shares on target of letters — some sub-March 11, 1985, the war too sequently published by Lonappeared to have been irrepa-rably lost. rappeared to have been irrepa-rably lost.

combat at the time. Only three separately started attacking days later was it freed to bid. on the strength of a second MMC report prompted by its claiming the family came attempts to gain control of from humble origins and had Harrods through the board- lied about their past. room. And at the same time

hen Lonrho was the Fayed bid was allowed first barred from through without an MMC

House of Fraser, and hence his in new directions, which critics claim may have cost Lonrho as much as £20 million.

Lonrho repeatedly but vainly urged Mr Norman Tebbit, then Trade Secretary. to send the Fayed bid to the MMC, which alone could order divestment of HOF. Lonrho claimed that Mr Tebbit and the OFT had relied on misleading assurances by Mr Mohamed Fayed, and his After the £615 million cash advisers, over personal wealth

Mr Rowland increasingly Lonrho had been hors de is owned by Lonrho and had the Fayeds during their bid for HOF, published an article

Attempted lawsuits between



Lonrho, the Fayeds and their claimed the Sultan was the merchant bank, Kleinwort true source of the funds to buy Benson, proved inconclusive HOF.

though the Fayeds, in their turn, substantially failed in actions against The Observer. gested Mrs Thatcher had election, to investigate the

As Lontho assiduously

fanned potential flames of scandal, Mr Paul Channon More stridently as time appointed inspectors in April went on, Mr Rowland sug- 1987, ahead of the general personally covered up the Fayed takeover. Lonrho conaffair because of Mr Fayed's tinued to publish pamphlets connections in the Middle attacking the Fayeds. Sub-Brunei, an ally with huge criticized the Sultan, the with Lonrho's annual share- clear this will include suing holdings of sterling. Lonrho Prime Minister, successive holders' meeting. The Ob- the Fayeds.

Trade Secretaries, Mr Denis Thatcher and apologists for the Sultan such as Lord Chalfont and Mr Edward Heath. In July 1988, the inspectors'

report was sent to Lord

Young, then Trade Secretary, and thence to the Serious Lonrho started another campaign to have it published. It printed, and distributed round the world, thousands of

copies of A Hero from Zero, a detailed and damning study of the rise of Mr Fayed and the through the courts by Lonrho said they had insufficient evi-

suits — ultimately unsuccessfore the time limit expired. Eventually, Lourho took

injuncted by the Government, but cleared of contempt.

Lonrho's public campaign was partly diverted during 1989 by another - this time undermine the threat that Mr Alan Bond, the Australian financier, might organize a takeover bid.

But, almost three years after the report was ordered and 20 months after its was sent to the Serious Fraud Office, Lonrho's worst fears were confirmed when the SFO and Di-Lord Young was harried rector of Public Prosecutions dence for criminal prosecuful - aimed at forcing him to tion on "any matter of publish and refer the Fayeds' substance" in the report and ownership of Harrods to the Government said it did Monopolies Commission be- not intend to take any further

With Harrods apparently matters into its own hands. In further from their grasp than March 1989, a special mid- ever, Mr Rowland and week edition of The Observer. Lourho still see publication of including substantial extracts the report as the start of a new from a leaked copy of the campaign in the continuing East and with the Sultan of sequent ramphlets and letters report, was printed to coincide war. They have already made

#### THE BATTLE FOR HARRODS

1975-1976: Mohamed Fayed on Lonrho board.

March 1977-July 1979: Lonrho gradually builds 29.9% stake in House of Fraser. Heavily criticizes HOF board.

January-February 1981: Lonrho makes hostile full bid for HOF, which is referred to the MMC by John Biffen.

Decamber 1981: MMC concludes bid against public interest. Biffen bans Lonrho from adding to HOF holding. 1982-83: Lonrho harries HOF board to push Harrods demerger plan and wins support of new shareholders. August 1983: Cecil Parkinson appoints QC to investigate possible HOF concert party; Lonrho cleared a year later. May 1984: Lonrho requisitions HOF meeting to pack board with 12 new directors; Norman Tebbit refers situation to MMC for six-month inquiry, extended in October.

MMC for six-month inquiry, extended in October.

November 1984: After rejecting offer in June, Londo agrees to sell 29.9% HOF stake to Mohamed Fayed and brothers, then builds new 6 per cent stake.
February 14, 1985: MMC report signed, saying new London

February 14, 1985: MMC report signed, saying new Londo bid for HOF would not be against public interest.

March 4, 1985: Fayeds make recommended bid for HOF.

March 7, 1985: MMC report clearing new Lonrho bid published, amid Lonrho pleas for Fayed bid to be referred.

March 11, 1985: Fayeds raise HOF holding above 50% in market. Lonrho sells stake in market.

March 14, 1985: Tebbit spares Fayed bid from MMC reference and lifts ban on Lonrho bidding.

1985-87: Lonrho pursues campaign for Fayed bid to be referred to MMC on grounds of misleading submissions to Office of Fair Trading and DTI.

Office of Fair Trading and DTI.

April 1987: Paul Channon appoints DTI inspectors to investigate Fayed bid for HOF.

July 1988: Inspectors' report submitted to Lord Young. who sends it to Serious Fraud Office.

August 1988: Lonrho publishes A Hero from Zero.

April 1989: The Observer publishes special edition, including excerpts from leaked report. Lord Young wins, injunction, says report shows wrongdoing.

March 1990: Ridley rules out action against Fayeds.

# in the fight for House of Fraser



which they had inherited, added to them their own impressions and authority of the bank's name behind them, into the public

The bank put out in its own name a press release on 2 November 1984 describing the Fayeds as members of an old established Egyptian family who for more. than 100 years were shipowners, landowners and industrialists in Egypt". The bank's name was also used in a press release which was issued by the Fayeds' public relations consultants on 7 March 1985 which stated that Kleinworts was satisfied that the Fayeds "have more than adequate funds of their own [our emphasis] to finance the offer.

In the offer document which was published 16 days later
Kleinworts expressed themselves
satisfied "that AIT has available,
from the evidence occument which from the existing resources and the normal trading facilities of the Al-Fayed family, the necessary financial resources to implement the offers in full". These state-ments were unsubstantiated and our inquiry has shown that the bank was misled.

leinworts gave comfort on behalf of its clients to the Board of HOF and its advisers, to the public through the media of the Press and television, to the OFT and to the DTI and Secretary of State. Whether so much comfort should have been taken is another matter.

The regulatory authorities presumed that Kleinworts had undertaken much more original inquiry than was in fact the case. When deciding not to conduct further inquiries at the time of the bid they preferred the strength of support which was given by Kleinworts to the Fayeds to the contrary evidence which they received from Lonrho and its

While not disputing that the

statements about the Fayeds were made in good faith, we do not consider that Kleinworts undertook adequate independent verification or inquiry before it allowed these statements to be made in its name. The assurances apparently given by Kleinworts on behalf of the Fayeds and the bank's support for them was an important factor in the Secretary of State's decision not to refer the bid to the MMC.

#### HERBERT SMITH

At the end of the meeting with the OFT on 11 March 1985 the representatives of Herbert Smith, who had acted as the Fayeds' advocates, told the OFT that they were only willing to say what their professional judgment of their clients amounted to. In a letter which Herbert Smith sent to the OFT later that day it stressed that the contents of its clients' written submission were based on what its clients had told them, and that they were not confirmed by any independent source.

On the other hand, the letter continued by saying that two named partners in the firm "were and are entirely satisfied both as to the completeness and as to the accuracy of the instructions given to us by the Al-Fayed Brothers throughout the period that we have been instructed by them". It explained that the period had started in the previous June. This expression of opinion led to confusion about the extent of the firm's knowledge of its clients'

This qualified statement of confidence was directly associated with the submission to the OFT and it made an impact on the regulatory authorities. An official at the DTI was subsequently of the view that the reputations of the Board of HOF, of Kleinworts and of Herbert Smith were aligned with the Fayeds. We do not consider that this was an unreasonable view to take, although ve understand the reasons why the firm maintains that the nature

of its support for its clients was THE HOF BOARD

The recommendation of the bid by the Board of HOF and its support for it, most notably from Professor Smith, were major factors in influencing the Secretary of

In reaching its decision to recommend the bid the Board of HOF did make some independent inquiries of the Fayeds and re-ceived advice from SG Warburg & Co Limited and other advisers.

We consider that the Board of HOF was entitled to take into account the counsel of its own of these assets has been satisfied by way of interest-free and re-As a consequence the combined bank borrowings of HOFH and its subsidiaries amounted to £870 million as at 30 April 1988. The

along with the investment in

Sears, from HOF to HOFPI as

security for its borrowing. Part of

extent of these borrowings are such that HOF at its current rate of profitability does not generate sufficient funds from its ordinary trading activities to meet the interest liabilities of HOFH, HOFPI and HOF. We are inclined

#### The Faveds' assets were worth a fraction of what they portrayed to the public ... Although the Fayeds were rich ... they had assets of only modest value in the context of a £600 million cash acquisition 9

financial advisers. Warburgs, and the assurances given by the Fayeds through Kleinworts and we make no criticism of it.

#### **GROUP BORROWING**

A large part of the funds used to acquire HOF have been replaced by bank borrowings. Further funds have subsequently been borrowed by HOF to finance its own development and also, in December 1987, to finance an investment (amounting to almost one-third of HOF's net asset value) in a 10 per cent holding in Sears Plc ("Sears").

This investment was subsequently refinanced in April 1988, through a new subsidiary of HOFH. This new subsidiary, House of Fraser Property Investment plc ("HOFPI"), however, is not financed independently from HOF. Two valuable freehold properties have been transferred, to doubt whether there is sufficient potential in the existing business of HOF to generate the funds necessary to service the current level of group borrowings and the planned development of HOF, without realising some of the property portfolio.

The Fayeds have submitted to us that HOFH's holding company Al Fayed Investment and Trust SA ("AITSA") has large amounts of funds under management and that these are the Fayeds' personal funds available to assist HOFH if

#### THE OFT

We see no reason to find any fault with the conduct of the Director General of Fair Trading and his staff in connection with the inquiries they made into the Fayeds' offer for HOF in 1984-85. It is, we hope, rare for deception of regulatory authorities to be practised

on such a grand scale. They relied on what the Fayeds and their advisers were telling them which they tested to the extent which their resources permitted. This report raises issues which need to be considered by the OFT if it is to feel safe in relying on assurances by advisers on a future occasion.

Nevertheless the comfort taken by the OFT from the assurances of Kleinworts and Herbert Smith was greater than those advisers thought they were giving. This lack of meeting of minds on the giving and taking of comfort in this (or any other situation) must be overcome in future if healthy Government/City reliance and trust is to prosper.

the bid by the Secretary of State was short because of the DTI's self imposed wish to follow its usual practice of making a decision on whether to refer a bid before the bidder acquires effective control of a company. The timescale became absurdly short when Lonrho sold its shares in the market and the Fayeds acquired effective control at the same time as conflicting evidence about them was pouring in to the Department and eventually ar-. rived before the Secretary of State.

In our opinion it was impossible for officials and ministers to grasp the true significance of all the evidence which was before them and to reach an informed decision in such a short time. In the event the press release which said that the Secretary of State "...took into account the statements made and assurances given by the Al-Fayed Family... the support given to those statements and assurances by Kleinwort Benson. Limited and the fact that the Board of House of Fraser and its advisers...had announced that in the absence of unforeseen circumstances they intended to recommend the offer", placed most of the responsibility for the decision outside the Department.

Investigations revealed that the Fayeds' evidence about issues

ranging from their birthdays to the family yacht did not bear scrutiny

in some ways the most controversial of those which we encountered in this part of our investigations, although as the full extent of the Fayeds' falsehoods became apparent the significance of this individual item became less important. The Fayeds maintained that their the Fayeds maintained that their dates of birth were 27 January 1933 (Mohamed), 4 February 1939 (Salah) and 18 December 1943 (Ali). In support of this claim they produced to us what purported to be official Egyptian birth certificates, which showed these birth dates an address at the time. birth dates, an address at the time of birth at Haggari Street, Alexandria, and their father to be "Landed Gentry". We will call the information contained in these certificates "the Fayeds' version". We received evidence which convinced us that no reliance at all

should be placed on these "birth certificates" or any other part of the Fayeds' evidence on this issue. We have seen a number of birth certificates (and received evidence about their provenance from witnesses whose reliability we accept) which show that all three brothers were the sons of a primary school teacher and that they were born at 53 Shourbagy Lane on 27 January 1929, 4 February 1931 and 18 December 1933 respectively. We will call the information contained in these certificates "the alter-

native version." In an affidavit made in July 1986 Mohamed asserted that the "alternative version" birth certificates were not genuine documents. He continued:

"Naturally, I am deeply con-cerned about the continued appearance of forged documents which are used to support the Observer/Rowland campaign. I am acutely aware that if enough forgeries are produced, ultimately people will believe that there is no smoke without fire." If the Director of Public Prosecutions should investigate these documents and the circumstances in which they came into existence I would be highly relieved and

would be happy to give all such assistance as I am able."

We suggested that one method by which we might be able to identify documents on which we could safely rely would be if we were given written authority by the Fayeds to approach the appropriate Egyptian authorities. No such authority was, however,

At a very late stage of our investigations we obtained three cates ourselves from the National Archives Registry after Mr Jen-kins had made a formal application during his visit to Egypt.

#### THE YACHT 'DODI'

The Faveds claimed that a very expensive yacht named *Dodi* which was first registered in 1913 had been in the ownership of their family since before they were born. It was taken over by the Egyptian government and Mohamed Fayed subsequently recovered the yacht for his family who still own it. When Mr Fleck (of Herbert Smith) was at the Yacht Club, a sailor confirmed part of this story

search of the Lloyd's Yacht Register in the Guildhall Library, London and the Read-ing Room at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, revealed that this story is completely untrue. There is no mention of a Fayed among the owners of the yacht until 1969 and its home port was registered as Newport, Rhode Island, until 1921 and Southampton between 1922 and 1951.

THE NAME 'AL FAYED' At about the same time as the Fayed brothers were engaged in

he issue of the Fayed altering their dates of birth, they brothers' birth dates was were also engaged in altering their were also engaged in altering their names. In this respect they have not shown the same consistency of

> For the most part, Mohamed Fayed has called himself "Mohamed Al Fayed" since the early 1970s and by the time he and his brother Ali joined the Board of Lonrho as alternate directors in the mid-70s they were both calling themselvs Al Fayed. All three brothers assumed the name "AI Fayed" for the purposes of the acquisition of HOF, but more recently Salah and Ali have been calling themselves simply "Fayed". Our attention was drawn to some evidence on deposition in pre-trial proceedings in a US jurisdiction in 1986 in which Mohamed explained that Al means the head of the family: "Al is like a title: the head of a tribe and this is permissible under Egyptian law." He said that if his brother Ali was called "Al Fayed" this must have been as a result of a mistake made by his secretary.

A learned treatise by Professor Dr Hassanein M Rabie, an Egyp-tian Professor of Mediaeval History, which was submitted to us, explained that there were only four cases in which the definite article "Al-" used to be added to a person's family name, none of which were relevant in the case of the Fayeds, and that a person can never change his family's surname even by adding the definite article "Al-" to the name. He said that in no case does the use of the definite

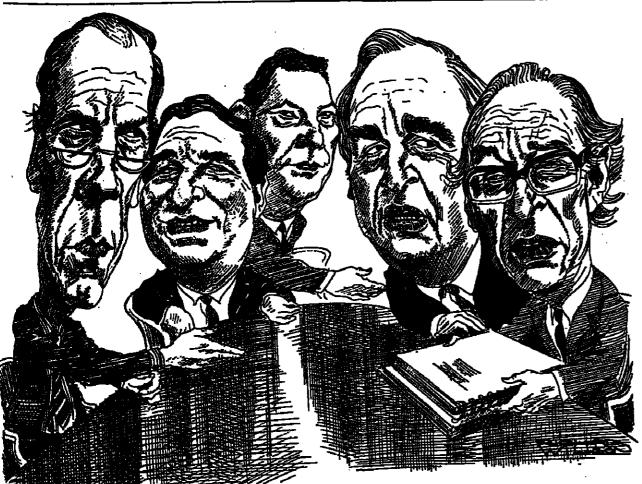
#### **6** About the time the Fayeds were altering their dates of birth, they were also altering their names

article "Al" signify that the person is the father or head of the family. This evidence has not been challenged by the Fayeds.

It follows that the three brothers should properly be called by the name of Fayed, which is the name they all used in the early years of their life and for consistency we have referred to them by this name throughout our report.

One of the most difficult technical problems which we encountered during our investigations related to the evidence we received about Mohamed Fayed's activities in Haiti during the second half of 1964. We took the view that if we

concluded that HOF had deceived the regulatory authorities and others in London in 1984-85 about the wealth and about the identity and business background of its directors then we would be entitled as Inspectors to include, in our report of the affairs of the company, any evidence we had received about the true characters and history of its directors which in our judgement could properly and fairly be regarded as relevant and material. If it is true, as we find to be the case, that Mohamed Fayed perpetrated a very substan-tial deception on the authorities in Haiti before absconding with over \$100,000 of funds belonging to the harbour authority there, then this is, in our opinion, a matter which it is relevant for the Secretary of State to know when he considers what action he should take following an act of deception on the British Government by Mohamed Fayed's company on a different but an even grander scale, which involved dishonest statements about his family and business background.



Men in the hot seat: Trade Secretaries Norman Tebbit, Leon Brittan, Paul Channon, Lerd Young and Nicholas Ridley

# Ministers who passed on the poisoned chalice

Mr Ridley hopes he has chalice.

finally cleared it off his desk

Mr Norman Tebbit, who Leon Brittan (by stone- the original decisions made by walling) and Mr Paul Chan- Mr Tebbit in 1985. non (by conceding an in-

changing round of Secretaries Government's most endurof Trade and Industry in July. ingly virulent poisoned

The affair has always been with publication and a firm seen as a tedious adminstatement that he will take no istrative problem rather than a further action. But he is by no positive issue. Trade secmeans the first to cherish that retaries and junior ministers, backed by the Prime Minister, therefore became set in the first cleared the Fayed bid, Sir negative posture of defending

Under pressure from events vestigation) successively in the market, Mr Tebbit thought they had done so, cleared the agreed Fayed bid Lord Young's resort to the for House of Fraser on March Serious Fraud Office only 14, in the exceptionally speedy made his life harder by delay- time of 10 days, in part relying ing publication indefinitely at on the assurances from the

Fayeds and their advisers. The demonic persistence of The speed was remarkable only intervene in bids on with Mr Rowland's bitterness.

Fayed Brothers and ment's determination to land's Lonrho, a company strategic national interest; House of Fraser was thwart rather than bow to him once condemned by Mr Heath other matters, such as finandeemed the hottest over an issue it considered and repeatedly investigated in cial effects and the standing of issue facing Mr unimportant, have combined the past, was legally prevented bidders. Nicholas Ridley when he bewith the unsavoury findings from bidding, pending a market came the latest in a fast-now revealed, to fashion this Monopolies Commission report which had been signed 18 days before the Payed's successful bid was announced.

The report left little reason for Mr Tebbit to maintain the ban on Lonrho bidding, in part because Lonrho had sold its HOF shares to the Fayeds. But it stayed until it was too late for Lonrho.

Mr Tebbit has since maintained that it was irrelevant Lonrho. where the Fayeds' money came from so long as the cash offer could be financed.

Since no competition issues were involved, this is entirely consistent with the merger policy first annunciated by Mr

The affair of the Mr Rowland, and the Govern- for another reason. Mr Row- issues of competition or bidders, can be left to the

> But Longho's pursuit of HOF and Harrods had lasted so long that, even under the present Government, it spanned dramatic changes in merger policy.

> The ban on Lonnho bidding stemmed from 1981, when Mr John Biffen, pursing doubts expressed by his predecessor Sir John Nott, referred an earlier conglomerate bid by

The bid was vetoed largely because of Mr Rowland's character. The MMC thought this might create tensions between Lourho and the existing management of House of Fraser that could harm efficiency. Such thinking long Government will normally repudiated, left others to cope

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on broad selling

Tokyo (Renter) — The Nikkei index dropped 428.74 points, or 1.27 per cent, to 33,362.34 after easing 54.12 on Tuesday. Shares closed sharply lower but off their lows in thin trading. Arbitrageurs unwinding share index firtures positions fuelled the broad-based selling, but a persistently weak yen and lower yen-bond prices

also spurred investors to sell or stay on the sidelines. Selling affected small-capital and most blue-chip electrical shares, which usually tend to benefit from thin trading and a weak yen. Volume was only 450 million shares compared with 530 million on Tuesday.

● New York — The Dow Jones industrial average rose 7 points to 2,683.80 in early

• Frankfurt - The DAX index closed 22,50 points, or 1,2 per cent, higher at 1,844.72. ● Hong Kong - The Hang Seng index shed 6.78 to 2,926.45. The broader-based Hong Kong index lost 4.2 to

Sydney — The All-Ordinaries index put on 2.7 to

 Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index rose 16.38 to 1,568.93.

(STOCK MARKET)

# Tokyo dips | Carlsberg seeks a UK brewer

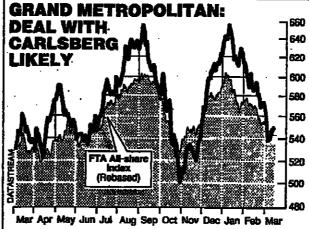
The drinks sector was set alight in late trading by the news that Carlsberg, Denmark's biggest brewer, wants to buy a British brewer.

Carlsberg is already in talks. with three or four companies. But it has ruled out buying any public houses or chains of restaurants. Mr Svend Petersen, the international marketing director, said: "We are brewers and we want to stay brewers. We don't want to own pubs or restaurants."

Brewery shares, which had been under a cloud this week, were cheered by the news. Rises were seen in Allied-Lyons, 11p to 433p, Bass, 9p to 925½p, Scottish & Newcastle, 12p to 300p, and Whithread A, 10p to 378½p.

But analysts believe that it is likely that Carisberg will do a deal with Grand Metropolitan, 10p better at 548½p, which owns the Watney Mann brewing interests.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed some modest gains in thin trading which saw turnover limited to 419 million shares. Brokers continued to take a bullish view of the long-term outlook for the market but, in the short-term, conditions are likely to remain nervous in the run-up to the Budget. The FT-SE 100 index closed below its best following an uncertain start to trading on Wall Street. It finished 14.3 up at 2,230.3, having been



CAPITAL XTRA

18.9 higher. The FT index of 30 shares rose 11.3 to 1,757.0. Government securities clawed back some of their recent losses with investors attracted by the yields. Prices rose by up

Shares in WPP, the advertising agency, rose 1p 647p ahead of today's fullyear figures. Profits are £75 million, compared with £40.3 million last time, as the benefits of the acquisitions of J Walter Thompson and the Ogilvy Group come through.

to £1/2 at the longer end. Asda, the supermarket chain lost a lead, finishing only 1/2p dearer at 1081/2p. The Belzberg family Canada has reduced its

AT THIS NEW RATE

holding by 2 million shares to 64 million, or 4.99 per cent. It had been hoped that the Belzberg family would launch a full bid. It is already sitting on a large trading loss from its

GKN pleased with better-than-expected full-year figures showing pre-tax profits up 21 per cent to £215 million. The shares rose 8p to 398p. BICC jumped 20p to 422p after reporting annual pre-tax profits up from £156 million to £201 million. But Ultramar fell 5p to 364p after reporting net income more than doubled to £125 million.

Institutional support lifted Cable and Wireless 11p to 536p, while British Gas eased 1/2p to 2111/2p on its bid for the remaining shares in Consumer Gas, the Canadian gas producer. The deal values the company at £565 million.

Saatchi & Saatchi, the troubled advertising agency, en-countered renewed selling, falling 8p to 139p. In properties, the highly-geared Regenterest rose 4½p to 14p on figures and a possible bid

approach. The Saudi Arabian Jameel family, which is in the final stages of a battle for Hartwells, the Ford and Rover main dealer, may have already selected its next target.

During the past month, the family has been increasing its holding in a rival motor dealer, Trimoco, via the loan stock. The Jameels have bought a 30 per cent holding, using a nominee name. The loan stock carries no votes, so the Jameels are not required to

Cadbury Schweppes rose 2p to 314p. The group met fund managers in London on Tuesday, giving a repeat performance in Edinburgh yesterday. Last month, it reported pre-tax profits up from £215 million to £251 million but analysts were worried by a slowdown on the confectionery side.

disclose their holding. But, after conversion into ordinary shares, it would increase their fully-diluted holding in the ordinaries to 27 per cent.

A couple of years ago, T Cowie built up a near 10 per cent stake. The Jameels currently own 24.7 per cent of Trimoco for which they paid about 34p a share. The family boasts a property portfolio in the US alone worth more than \$1 billion. The Trimoco price

closed unchanged at 181/2p. Meanwhile, the cost of dearer money was reflected in the full-year figures from T Cowie which reported a 16 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £16 million after a surge in interest charges from £22 million to £38 million. The dividend was also cut. The price touched 49p before rally-

ing to end unaltered at 53p. Logica, the computer software systems group, fell 7p to 3191/2p on talk that it had pulled out of National Westminster Bank's information network project. But Logica said that it still has a contractual relationship although its involvement is significantly less than before. NatWest closed only 4p cheaper at 341p, after 339p.

The rest of the banks were mixed. Barclays rose 4p to 585p, while Lloyds dipped 1p to 281p as did Midland to 328½p.

Synapse Computer Services fell 40p to 173p after interim figures revealed a pre-tax loss of £249,000.

Michael Clark

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The Yoruba tribe of Nigeria once used cowrie shells to communicate with each other. Six sent to your beloved meant, "I fancy you." Eight sent back in reply meant, "I'll leave the door open."

It was of course vital to be able to count accurately.

Other early forms of communication took even more cryptic form. Peruvian Quipus - knotted cords of different colours - were used by Inca Civil Servants as a sort of filing system for public records.

These are still used in Lambeth today.

The Quipu may have been alright for beating llamas, but as a way of communicating, it couldn't beat writing: "the greatest invention of man" according to Abraham Lincoln.

In the earliest stages of writing, letters were drawn like pictures (pictographs). The first pictographic writing

was Sumerian from around 4000BC. The most famous was Egyptian hieroglyphic - sacred writing en-graved in stone. This meant absolutely nothing to anyone until a Frenchman called Champollion succeeded in working out and writing the name of Cleopatra from hieroglyphs on the Rosetta Stone in 1822. Realising what he'd done, he cried out "Je tiens l'affair!" ("I've cracked it!"), and promptly collapsed in a heap.



We can also congratulate the Egyptians for developing the pen and papyrus. It may not seem much to you, but it was a damn sight easier to tuck under your arm than a chisel and a block of granite.

To keep the number of signs down to a minimum, the Egyptians adopted the rebus principle - a pictorial way of substituting pictures for words or syllables. Need say more?

Pity the Chinese didn't grasp this principle. Even now their written language has 50,000 graphic characters. (Incidentally, in early Chinese the signs for 'woman' plus 'broom' meant 'wife' 'Woman' plus 'woman' meant 'quarrel' - the earliest example of sexism in literature.)

And so, as scholars' jaws drop even lower, let us skip to the alphabetic system of writing 'invented' some 3,600 years ago.

The word alphabet is simply the combined Greek names for the first two letters, alpha and beta,

The first letter of the Hebrew ('alef), Arabic ('alīf), Greek (alpha) and Latin (A) alphabets all came from this: O, a picture of an ox head which & over the years & changed into something & we all recognise, don't we A?



The first alphabet is believed to have come from the Semites. But it was the Phoenicians who aimed to devise manuscript: a true alphabet which relied on one symbol to represent one sound.

Early alphabetic scripts could be read from top to bottom, left to right, right to left and, at one period in Greek history, were written in boustrophedon - as the ox ploughs - from right to left and back again from left to right. Confused? You will be...



Hallelujah! The Greeks stop the Phoenician alphabet spinning round and get everybody to agree to read from left to right. Except those poor Chinese of course...



And on to the alphabet we inherited from the Romans. The most perfect expression of the letters is chiselled of today.

into the base of the Trajan Column in Rome. By common consent, these Capitalis Romana are known as the most beautiful of all Roman letters and were the prototype for western letter forms.

About 50AD, the last letter in the ing Greece and learning a few Greek jokes that needed a bit of explaining, the Latins added Y and Z. J and U were added in the early Middle Ages and W arrived in the 11th century just in time for Beowulf.

Meanwhile, back in the court of one hell of an imagination, invented to reach Europe.



Whizzing past the order for one alphabet was X. Then after conquer- Domesday Book placed in 1086 (famoose for its paw spelling), here's a cultural handrail to give you some perspective on the 12th century. In the whole of Europe there were only four universities: Paris, Oxford, Bologna and Salerno.

As books were becoming more of Emperor Wu Di, a Chinese eunuch a commercial enterprise, the need called Cai Lun with no balls but to cram more and more onto a page produced the Gothic or Black Letter. paper. Made from tree bark, fish nets De rigeur for religious manuscripts, it and old rags, it took over 1,000 years still plagues wedding invites and made Pope Leo X and had to be forwarded Chancer a swine to read even then. to him, stuffed.

and redefine the proportions of the old Roman Capitals using the mutual proportions of the human body.

One such was Geofrey Tory, one of the biggest men in French letters, no, hang on...



Albrecht Dürer relied on nothing more than a sketch and a description of a rhino for this woodcut which was a sell out and went through eight

Unlike the rhino, which went through the ship's hold on its way to

Dürer also wrote "Of the.

but it's not as good a

Just Shaping of Letters" in 1525,

The 16th century saw French

typographers leading the world. The

most sought after of the time, respon-

sible for establishing the first type foundry, was Claude Garamond who

died penniless in 1561, a little ahead of

By the 18th century the spread of

literacy amongst a growing middle

class made printing big business.

William Caslon's Old Face type, cut

in 1722, became known as "the finest

vehicle for the printed conveyance of

Nothing was good enough for

Baskerville. He made his own ink, de-

veloped his own wove paper and made

the first real improvements to the

printing press since Gutenberg. His

typeface, dismissed as 'painful' at the

time, is now one of the most popular

and linked the 'Old styles' with the

After his death, Baskerville's type

and punches ended up in Paris where

they were used during the French

Revolution. His body, for various bizarre reasons, spent the best part of

80 years kicking around a warehouse

and plumber's shop before being

English speech."

'Moderns'

enduring fame. C'est la vie.



begins Ura, that at teatime Ime brings.



From 'The Mother's Picture Alphabet' of 1862.

'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer' was the first novel to be written on a typewriter in 1875. Mark Twain dismissed his Remington as a "new fangled thing."



Better known to Yuppies for his wallpapers and textiles, the poet William Morris started the Kelmscott Press in 1891 to revive the beauty of typography that book production lost, in his opinion, somewhere in the 15th century.



The first sans serif (letters without pointy bits), of the 20th century was Johnston's Railway Type designed for the London Underground in 1918.



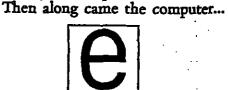
Without doubt the most influential authority on printing and typography this century, Stanley Morison is most publicly remembered for re-designing The Times. The October 3rd issue of 1932 was the first to feature his Times New Roman.



A zip through the last 50 years. Machines took over from men to pursue the goal of ever clearer letters, set ever more quickly.

Up to the turn of the century however, book print was put together by 'Pica Thumpers' - so called after a size of type.

Paid by the 'ennage' (or length of setting) they had a sneaky habit of slipping extra space into the line. It's easy to spot their work.



is for Epson's TLQ 4800. The last word in computer printing technology and the first 48 pin dot matrix in the world.

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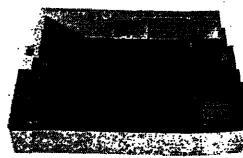
(Those poor old Chinese, that's another 52 brush strokes they'll have to learn.)

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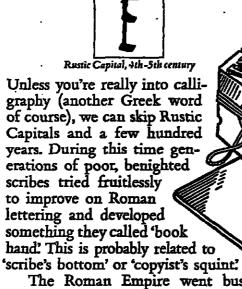


# A POTTED HISTORY OF PRINTING FROM THE

#### FIRST LETTER TO THE LAST WORD.

obvious reasons.

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The Roman Empire went bust round about now and the barbarians turned it into a bingo hall.



Uncial letter, 7th centur As the dust settled on the Roman Empire, Literae Unciales (inch-high letters), were the chubby little heroes of the day. Belted off by scribes who skidded round corners and joined strokes to save time, they were now being written on parchment, "that stouffe that we wrythe vpon: and is made of beestis skynnes:"

ALL LETTERS WERE STILL IN CAPITALS.

Illuminated letter from The Book of Kells, 6th-8th century But they got a lot smaller in the 6th century when the lowercase letter started popping up. As did the Vikings, the 8th century's very own lager louts who, despite destroying every monastery they could find, missed those responsible for the two masterpieces of Celtic illuminated writing - The Book of Kells and the Lindisfarne Gospels.

The latter was once stolen and found later, buried and minus its gold cover. Even in the Middle Ages, people nicked books. To try and stop this, scribes would often add a curse in the colophon as in this 9th century

"Whoe'er this book to make his own doth plot,

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be his lot." And it wasn't until about 600AD that words began to be separated. Uptillthennobodysawanyreasontoput



Fed up with trying to decipher the cryptic handwriting of scribes from all over his empire, Charlemagne headhunted the top man from the Scriptorium at York and gave him the job of creating a single standard of handwriting - the first bit of

corporate design ever. Charged almost literally with rewriting history, Alcuin of York developed Carolingian letters - a clearly legible book hand, and the direct ancestor of our lowercase alphabet and most basic type styles The Renaissance interest in geometry

print anything till they were sure it offended nobody, there would be very little printed." Benjamin Franklin. Up 'til 1440, everything in Europe had been handwritten. And then...

"If all printers were determined not to

Johann Gensfleisch (zum Gutenberg), a goldsmith, came up with his amazing invention. Movable type - printing! His 42-line Bible, completed in 1456, was printed on a machine he made



Nicholas Jenson's Roman letters, cut in 1470, left Gothic for dead and have been admired by experts for centuries.



The first English printer was Caxton. The first book printed in England to bear a date was his 'Dictes or Savengis of the Philosophres' in 1477. Touchingly, one of his assistants was called Wynkyn de Worde...



What did Raphael, Cellini, Michelangelo, Henry VIII and Lady Jane Grey all have in common? Their handwriting, adopted from the fashionable writing manual 'Operina' written by the Pope's Chancery scribe, Ludovico Arrighi. Other scribes followed suit with manuals of their own. One such, a Spaniard called Morante, became so popular his competitors turned him in to The Inquisition.

Meanwhile in 1501, Aldus Manutius, driven by the desire to invent paperbacks (pocket editions of the Latin classics), introduced a type that would let him get more letters to the page. He was Italian, the English thus called his invention, italics.



and ideal form pushed many to try

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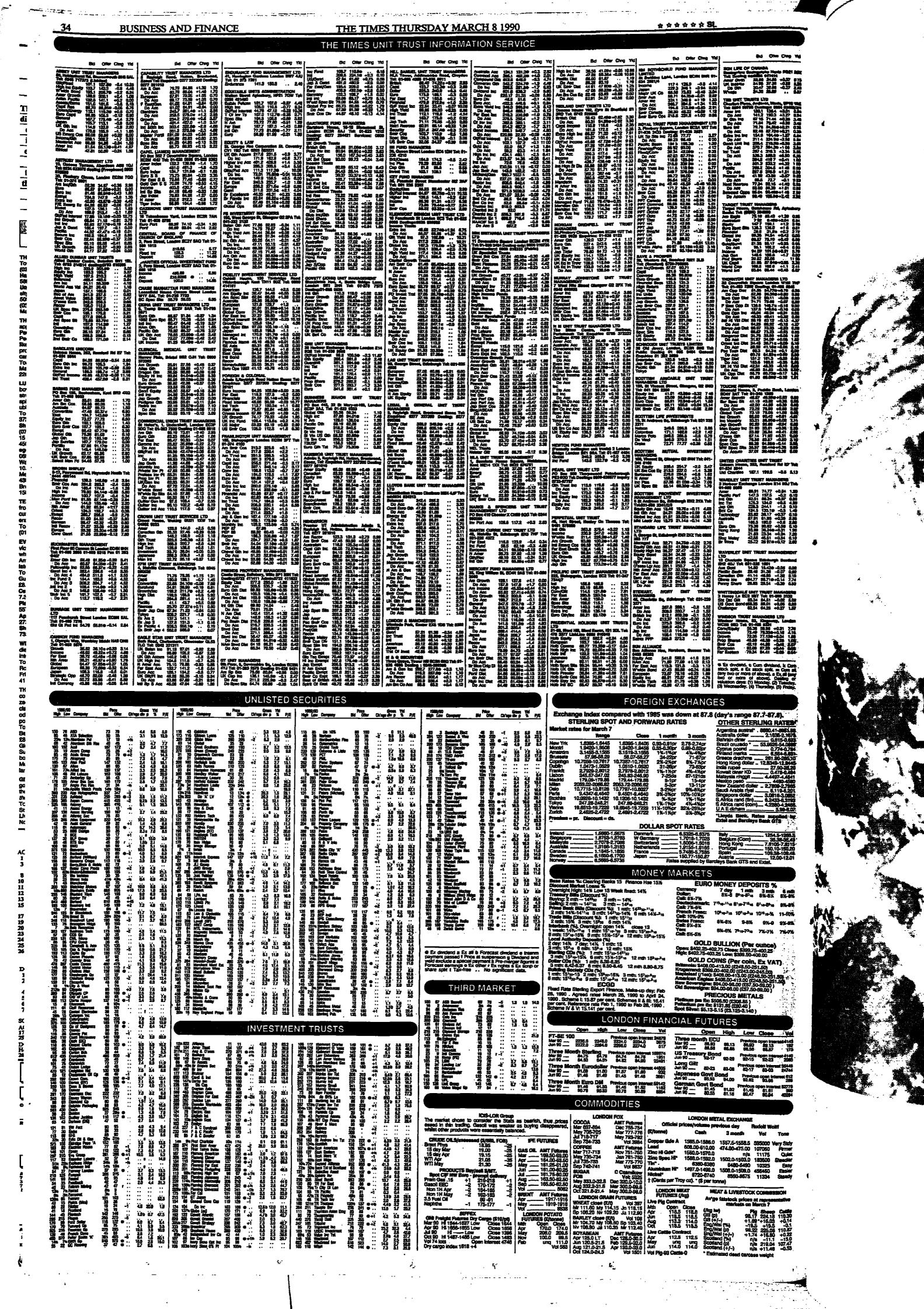
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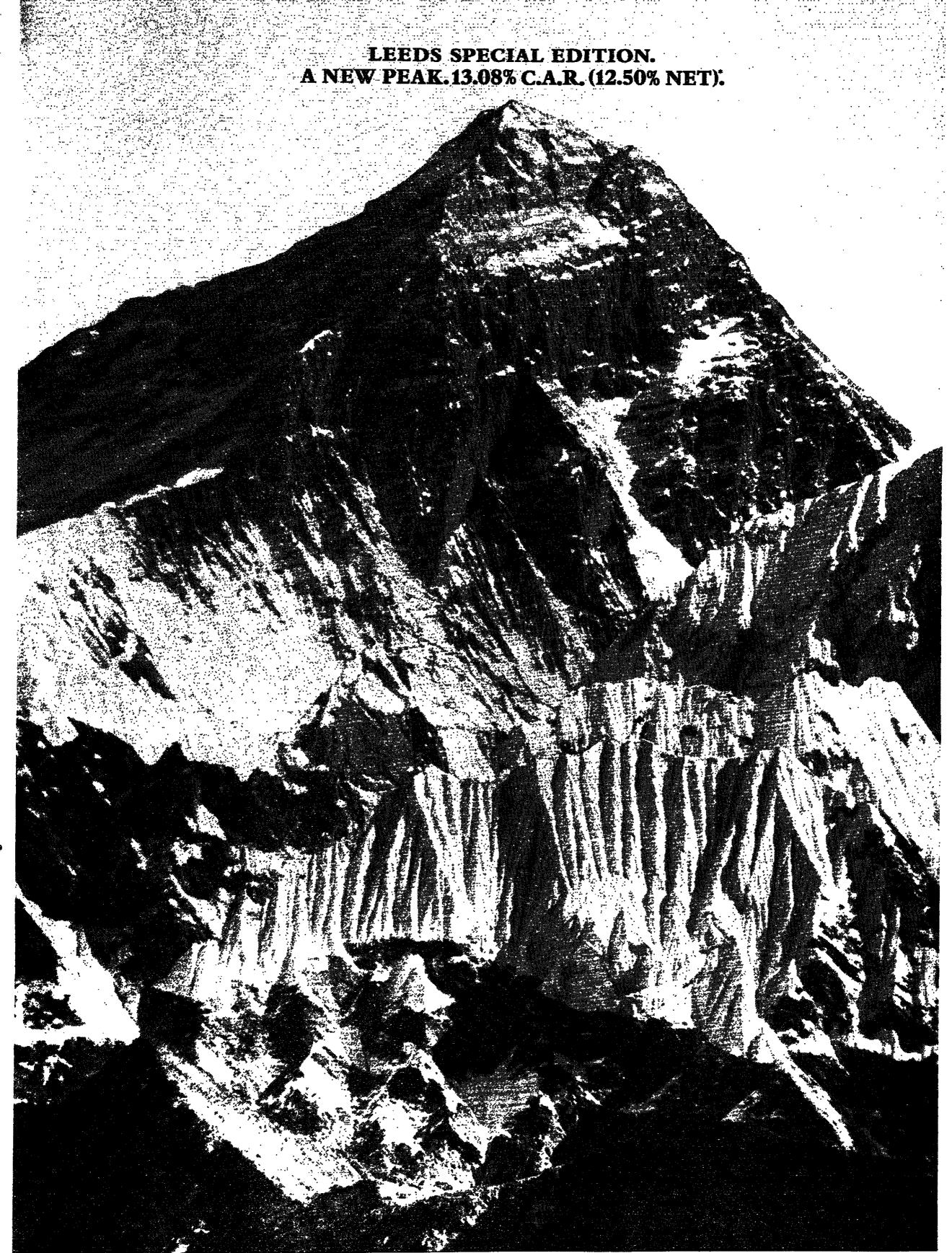
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New heart: skyline showing the development of Birmingham, which has up to £2 billion worth of projects under way or scheduled, and on which a new prosperity will be based, and (right) the International Convention Centre due to open early next year

irmingham is finding it hard to get rid of the Bull Ring - the mammoth shopping area created in the 1960s that became the unofficial trademark of Britain's second city. Everyone seems to want it to go, and the buildozers are waiting to move in.

But the £400-million scheme scheduled to replace it has yet to receive the official sanction of the city council. The redevelopment of the Bull Ring is expected to go shead, creating one million sq ft of shopping space, but it has been delayed by a year while Birmingham debate continues over what form its future centre should take.

There is a growing desire to avoid the planning mistakes of 25 years ago when pedestrians and shoppers were consigned to a subterranean role in tunnels and underground precincts, while vehicles were given the freedom of

the inner ring road above. Moreover, Birmingham wants to create an exciting new visage to replace the soulless image of the past as it seeks an identity as an international business city and developments on an attractive scale that will remain acceptable to

# Towards a brighter image

"Brummies" right through to the next century.

The city is making great strides towards its new destiny. Up to £2 billion worth of redevelopment is under way or scheduled, much of it sparked off by the £150-million International Convention Centre (ICC) under construction, and on which it hopes a new commercial prosperity will be based.

The ICC is due to open in April next year, in advance of the 1992 single European market and all that that promises for potential

The London and Edinburgh Trust has outlined planning consent for its proposed 26-acre Bull Ring development, but the original plans are back on the drawing board for design changes.

Revised plans are expected to be submitted in a few months time, but the scheduled completion date has been put back to 1997. Councillor Frank McLoughlin, The expected redevelopment of the Bull Ring is one of the ways that Birmingham hopes to improve its environment

chairman of the Labour-controlled council's planning committee, said: "There is nothing wrong with the concept, but we want to

make sure it will be good for the citizens of Birmingham and the

people who will use it." He said there was a wider debate over the future of the present city centre, which the Prince of Wales has described as a "monstrous

Councillor McLoughlin added: "The city centre is to be for people and pedestrians. That is sacrosanct. We want it to be people-

The debate over the Bull Ring has not deflected the council from the massive programme of regeneration which began as Birmingham emerged bloodied, but apparently unbowed, from the being granted city status. recession. In a 15-year span an estimated 200,000 manufacturing jobs disappeared, a cruel blow to a

in The Netherlands, Belgium,

as it gears up to attract con-

ventions, congresses, exhi-

bitions and meetings to its 11

trade and industry. However, unemployment has since fallen dramatically and traditional industries that survived the recession are steadily being joined by modern, hi-tech companies, many of them based in thriving business parks.

city whose wealth was created by

Though manufacturing remains vital (30 per cent of the workforce is still in this sector), the new direction is intended to diversify further into the service sector and commerce. An estimated 1.25 million sq ft of office space was under

construction by the end of 1989, centenary year of Birmingham's

The huge amount of private sector money flooding into the city has occurred during a lengthy period of Labour rule at the Council House, headquarters of Birmingham city council.

Despite the activities of a leftwing caucus that threw the Labour group into turmoil during one prolonged period, the council has avoided a "loony left" tag - and through the large degree of consensus that prevails it has made developers welcome.

The council, for instance, is a minority partner to five big construction companies involved in a £1-billion scheme, called Birmingham Heartlands, designed to re-generate a blighted 2,500-acre swathe of east Birmingham through office, industrial, leisure and residential developments.

The council hopes that the gathering momentum of such schemes will transform Birmingham and its prospects for pros-

perity. To those who say that the ICC will be a huge gamble as it seeks a slice of the tough international convention market, the response is that another Birmingham initiative - the National Exhibition Centre - was also condemned as a white elephant, but became Britain's biggest exhibition location.

The tower cranes that are a common manifestation of regeneration are also at work alongside the ICC on the construction of a £50-million national indoor sports arena, due to open in October,

On the face of it, Birmingham's

prospects look good, although the council and the city's commercial and industrial leaders remain aware that they must destroy once and for all the negative image the city finds difficult to throw off.

by Craig Seton

The need for good restaurants, decent public houses and wine bars and London-style shopping are part of an overall strategy to have Birmingham regarded as an international and national centre rather than a provincial city.

The campaign extends to its cultural profile, which was un-kindly regarded as low until the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet announced that it will relocate to Birmingham, already proud of its Simon Rattle-led City of Birmingham Symphony orch-

All the while, the city has been able to point to its good communications at the heart of the motorway network, its main line rail links to London and its flatgrowing international airport where a new Eurohub terminal is to be built to cope with the demand for scheduled flights to European centres.

A fl billion light rail system link Birmingham to the Black Country is also coming nearer to fruition.

ated in 1983 in a joint venture by Birmingham City Council, Lloyds Bank and Aston University, is now home to 64 hi-tech

 A survey of 500 manufacturing and service companies up to the end of 1989 found 42 per cent reported a reduced level of home orders, while 32 per cent reported increased export orders. The majority of them called for lower interest rates to improve their pros-

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e Birmingham's population in 1989 was 997,000 compared with 454,000 a century ago, when it was granted city status. At that time 75 per cent of the working pop-were employed in ma

West Midlands Police Credit Union of Birmingham claims to

#### The team promoting and Beating the Brum marketing the International Convention Centre has travelled the world to drum up

pean Community, but the ICC business for the £150 million remains an expensive propo-The ICC has representation is funding its construction Switzerland, Austria West through a company set up to prospect of the business it will Germany and on the eastern manage the National Exhibseaboard of the United States ition Centre for the city coun-

Birmingham wants the ICC million grant from the Euro- attracting international busi- elled the world to talk to pot-

ness and, together with the National Exhibition Centre, to be a dual attraction to exhibitors and conventioners. The generate has already created a hotel building boom in Birm-

That is why a team led by to be regarded as a unique Barry Cleverdon, sales and halls. It has attracted a £37 national asset capable of marketing director, has trav-

ential customers. Present tions have been held in Paris. New York and Washington Spain, Scandinavia and Japan are next to be courted. Mr Cleverdon said there

was a stream of customers willing to book the ICC. A big catch is the International Congress of Genetics, which will bring 5,000 delegates to the centre in August 1993. Others includes the 1992 Law Society annual conference and an International Olympic Committee session.

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# All set for the next century

The willingness of Birmingham's Labour Council to do business with the private

sector has created a framework for

co-operation with its Tory opposition

dominated the national political arena, the Labour Party has controlled Birmingham, the country's second largest city and regarded by many as the most soughtafter electoral prize among the local

Though it is frustrating for the city council's Conservative opposition, there has been a degree of political consensus over the path the

city should follow in the 1990s. Even when the largely moderate
Labour group raised the rates by 43
per cent in one year and later
descended into turnoil over the
activities of a significant minority of
left-wing members, the Tories were mable to turn it to their long-term

Labour's six years in office have been under the leadership of Sir Richard Knowles, who, at 72, is a veteran local government poli-tician. He has a background as a Labour Party organizer and is known for his no-nonsense attitude and his belief that politics is about power. He acted ruthlessly against the group's left, which had accused him of abandoning socialism, and appears to have subdued its

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Sir Richard was once described as a "machine politician", and was told by a semior Tory minister that his problem was that he thought like a capitalist, which was presumably intended as a compliment. Central to Sir Richard's leader-

or almost six of the 11 years ship has been his willingness, and that Mrs Thatcher's Conservative Government has group, to do business with the group, to do business with the private sector in a multitude of schemes designed to regenerate the local economy after the recession.

The city council is a minority partner in the country's only pri-vate-sector led development agency, in which five big construc-tion companies are drawing up a £1 billion project to redevelop more than 2,000 acres of east Birmingham. Government and European Community grants have also assisted the city's redevelopment.

The fact that the private sector has been embraced by the council over the years has resulted in a large degree of agreement on the city council. It has also brought accesstions from the left, representing about 21 of the 67 seats held by Labour, which said Sir Richard cared more for enterprise than services. This was as the city sought a new destiny as an international business city, based on the expected pulling power of the £150 million International Convention Centre, due to open next year, and the Birmingham-based National Ex-hibition Centre, the country's largest exhibition venue.

Linked to the ICC development will be the first purpose-built hotel to be opened in the UK by the Hyatt International Corporation.

Sir Richard sees nothing wron with the local authority spearhead ing such schemes in which the private sector is involved. "Nobody questions my commitment to



Private-sector links: Sir Richard

socialism, not even the most leftwing member of the Labour Party in Binningham," he says. "The real argument is whether a mixed economy is incompatible with socialism

• Birmingham City Council is offering a £55,000 salary pack-age to attract a director of public affairs to manage a 40-strong team promoting the city as a "pacesetter for change in Europe".

and I do not think it is. Paternalism

Sir Richard, who was knighted last year for his services to local government, believes his group is maintaining Birmingham's tra-



A philosophical Tory: Reg Hales

dition of municipal enterprise for which Joseph Chamberlain, one of the city's most famous sons, is remembered. If think we shall be an international city — there is no doubt about that — but that means we have got to do a lot of other things. It is no good just building the convention centre. We have to have shops to go with it, make the city centre more accessible to pedes-trians and re-build the Bull Ring. Our slogan is 'the big heart of England', but our logo ought to be the crane and buildozer because we knock the city down and rebuild it about every 20 years,"

Sir Richard believes Labour could well retain control of the city council for another three years, during which time both education and social services would be a

ngham has been very

good to us. We want to stay here and make a contribution

to repay what the city has done for us."

such as Sparkbrook and

Handsworth, where there were

leading to two deaths and millions of pounds worth of

property damage. But she says

serious disturbances in 1985

She accepts that most people from the ethnic minor-

'Our logo ought to be the crane and bulldozer because we every 20 years'

priority. And there is no sign that he is ready to give up the leadership of his group or that there will be any

Reg Hales, aged 60, the Conservative group leader who has been in local government for almost 30 years, is philosophical about his party's long period in opposition, although he foresees trouble ahead for the Labour group through its "profligate" decision to impose a £406-a-head community charge on the city. He claims that it has been set deliberately high in the hope that the Government will be blamed.

Mr Hales said: "The community charge will be a great step forward in accountability and in the long term

Conservative principles and has abandoned socialism."

tive projects which Labour had taken over, he said. "I do not think," he added, "that

rebuild the city about

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it has got to be to our advantage. It will make the council accountable for the very first time. We are delighted that Labour is working with the private sector. A lot of the problems of the Labour group have been caused because many left-wingers believe it is following

He said there was a bi-partisan approach to projects like the convention centre, although Labour had over-run the budget on that scheme by about £25 million. The ICC and NEC were both Conserva-

there is any doubt that Birmingham is going to be the city of the next century. Of all the cities in the country, it has pulled itself up by its

look at the black population, there is a progression of

people moving away from the inner cities as they grow up."

Councillor Hafeez accepts

that Islamic fundamentalism

is an issue, but says most

"People need to feel they can practise their own religion and

morals, whether they are Irish

or Muslims. If you try to suppress it, people will rebel. If you say people have got to integrate and become western-

ized and that their children

have to attend school with a

predominantly Christian

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# Polishing the jewel in the city's crown

from the city centre, is a historic industrial area that planners believe has been -neglected for too long.

The Jewellery Quarter re-mains a centre of British jewellery-making. Plans have been announced to improve its appeal as a residential and business area close to the centre of the city, while highlighting its tourist poten-

The quarter is an important part of the city council's strategy for industrial improvement under which ing and refurbishing dilapi-

The council is planning to dentify "quarters" separated from the city centre by the inner ring road. It wants to hance the character of these areas, but also integrate them with the city centre.

Other quarters include undertaking a £30 million

Tust across Birmingham's business and leisure develop-inner ring road, separated ment; the Gunsmiths Quarter; the Greater Convention Centre area, where the £150 million International Convention Centre is under construction; Warwick Bar and Dig-beth, where a media zone is being created; and Aston Triangle, which contains As-ton University campus and

the Aston Science Park. Part of the plan to regen-crate the Jewellery Quarter involves a proposed jewellery business centre in a councilowned block of derelict build-

cil and Grosvenor Laing Urban Enterprise, a long lease has been granted to the Duchy Cornwall, which has awarded a £2.7 million contract to Wates Construction to begin work on the project. The Department of Environment is also providing £1 million.

Other plans for the area Chinatown, where Avatar is include a £750,000 museum and exhibition centre dedi-



cated to the jewellery industry. manufacturing and industry must be maintained in the Under the joint-venture new developments, including jects, will be considered. Planners also want to use the Birmingham and Fazeley Caand centrepiece of new water-

> The city council has recognized that the Jewellery Quarter suffers from its physical isolation from the city centre because of the inner ring road. not still suffer problems of

# Rich mix them from Asian and Afro-

It is estimated that there are more than 100 ethnic groups in the city, many of them living in inner-city areas such as Handsworth and Sparkbrook, representing different racial ligious and cultural backgrounds. Among the most recent are Vietnamese boat people, arriving from Hong Kong to settle with relatives.

The multi-racial nature of Birmingham is reflected by the composition of the city council, where 17 of the 117 Labour councillers have Asian and Afro-Caribbean origins. One of them is Najma Hafeez, deputy chair of the education

She says: "I am very proud le will say that they have cally in Birmi pared with other cities.

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# they are not ghettos. "The atmosphere in Handssembly, they will feel threat-

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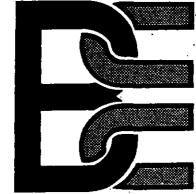
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# New soul of a great old industrial city



Rattle and Brum: with Birmingham's orchestra, Simon Rattle represents a beacon of culture in an otherwise barren landscape

ustomers in Birming-ham's James Brindley public house were not mistaken. There among the small group of young people in the corner was Kenneth Branagh, the actor hailed as a new Lawrence Olivier. Beside him was his wife, the actress Emma

Was the presence of the two rising stars of stage and screen in a Birmingham pub a demonstration of the city's claim that it was rapidly ascending the cultural and artistic ladder?

In fact, the actors were appearing across the road at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, which Mr Branagh had chosen for the British in launch last year of his Renaissance Theatre Company. It brought to Britain's second Exhibition Centre, on the city Shakespearean produc- eastern outskirts of the city, tions ackowledged to be of a where the Arena auditorium

Once considered something of a cultural desert, Birmingham is becoming an oasis for the arts

London or Stratford.

Mr Branagh and his com-pany have since moved on, leaving Birmingham to the job of convincing a hithertodoubtful public that the name of the city and the pursuit of cultural and artistic excellence can be spoken of in the same breath without raising a hol-

Ironically, in terms of more popular entertainment, Birmtham has been able to boast considerable reputationthrough events at the National

quality rarely found outside has reverberated to the sounds. of some of the world's bestknown singers and groups, including Bruce Springsteen; Paul McCartney, Tina Turner, Barry Manilow and Fleetwood Mac. Birmingham also has an annual jazz festival which is gaining rapidly in status and popularity.

> However, in previous years it had seemed that the City of that a leading manufacturer Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and its world-class of new jobs. conductor, Simon Rattle, comprised the only beacon of classical "high-brow" entertainment in an otherwise barren cultural landscape.

More building work is

under way on a project intended to enhance further Birmingham's image: the new home of the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, relocating from London to the Birmingham Hippodrome theatre. The council is spending £4 million to build a headquarters and studios for the company and will join with the Arts Council

in providing another £2 million of funding. The Hippodrome was already a second home to Sadier's Wells, but the news of its permanent move was trumpeted by city leaders with the kind of gusto normally reserved for an announcement was about to create thousands

The delight signified the importance Birmingham now attaches to developments that chip away at the old image of a grey, soulless and, above all, provincial city.

Birmingham and the University of Aston suffered the cuts and retrenchment endured by universities across the country. However, the gloom is lifting and both are talking of opportunities for

The academic and financial health of Birmingham University, which has a reputation for engineering and science, and Aston, a leading technological university, is considered of critical importance for a city striving for a reputation as a European business centre and at a time when the two institutions are forging/ closer links through research collaboration with local commerce and industry.

Professor Michael Thompson, Birmingham University's vice chancellor and principal, recognized this when he said: "It is encouraging that the city has taken the view that a major international city of the 21st century must have amongst its most glittering assets a great university of international standing. We can provide that."

At Aston, on the other side of the city centre, the message is equally bullish. Academic staff there have been told that the university is poised to surge up the university league by the mid-1990s.

Prof Thompson also spoke

of the prospect of expanding by as many as 1,000 students -about 10 per cent - over the next few years. He said: "The university is changing and is going to continue to change very rapidly. We now have the remarkable phenomenon not seen in universities for more than 20 years — of the deans and heads of schools worrying about the problem of how to cope with rapid expansion. There are some exciting opportunities. The problems are difficult and solving them will be very demanding, but I believe the new climate is very good for Birmingham."

The optimism centres on government statements that



The city's two universities are set for growth

should increase substantially over the next 25 years and the introduction of a system of competitive bidding through the Universities Funding Council, which will determine the number of students in uni-

Aston and Birmingham universities have emerged from the recession in academia leaner and fitter after a decade, of seeking more eff-ective use of resources and additional funding from sources other than the Government purse.

from groups that were once unrepresented, particularly women, ethnic minorities and mature students. The num-"day" students from the

Prof Thompson said: "The university will have to pay greater attention to its roots in Birmingham and the West Midlands and local people must be made more aware that they have in their midst a university which teaches practically every academic discipline to the highest attainable

numbers in higher education will attract more students. University commissioned a MORI poll to discover how the institution was rated Among managers in industryand commerce, it came fourth. bers could also include more in Britain and overall was regarded as in the top ten.

At Aston, Prof Sir Frederick Crawford, the vice chancellor, believes the institution laid solid foundations for growth during the struggles of the past decade. He said: "The pay-off! from our massive restructuring programme in the 1980s is: already evident from it; Aston is almost clear of the danger zone, and poised ready to that Birmingham University Last year, Birmingham mid-1990s..."

review of the property mar-A ket has concluded the mingham has emerged of the from the dark tunnel of the recession with its economy more buoyant than at almost any time growing confidence in opportu- 1.25 million sq ft of office space Birmingham and the South-east is in the last 100 years. The study, completed before the latest rise in mortgage interest rates, acknowledges the "greatly depressed" state of the housing market and caution in the retail sector. However, it judges from a detailed assessment of property across the and residential sectors that there is

# An office property market to build on

nities for the 1990s.

The review was conducted by Grimley JR Eve, a firm of chartered surveyors. It claims the West Midlands office market is at the start of a new era because of the growing number of companies relocating in the region, especially from the South-east.

By October last year, almost

was under construction in Birmingham, which is in third place behind London and Manchester in terms of office concentration.

The report says that on average the cost of office space in central London, taking account of rents, rates and services charges, is four times higher than in central Birmingham, although the gap between

expected to close.

It expects that prime areas for office location in Birmingham will be in the Broad Street area, where the £150 million International Convention Centre (ICC) is being built, and, Birmingham Heartlands, where Britain's first private-sector led development agency is organizing development

2,000 acres of derelict land.

The report warns that demand for industrial accommodation is outstripping supply in the region and that rents for prime industrial units in Birmingham have increased by up to 50 per cent over the past two years, although they have recently consolidated. The survey also records strong

parks. A prime growth area is expected to be in the east and south east of Birmingham, where the first stage of the new M40 motorway was recently opened to link with the M42. However, the survey notes caution in the retail property market, which has sufamong leading retailers to expand

because of the economic climate. The hotel sector is one of the spurred by the business expected to be generated by the convention. centre and the report notes a revival in tenpin bowling and bingo facilities and greater demand for cinemas and nightclubs.

In the residential market, thereport says that landowners are." reluctant to sell at prices which, insome cases, are half those of a yearago. Despite the depressed state of the housing market, there are stillproposals for new developments.

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Due to open in October next says: "It will provide Britain

ear, it will be able to stage

ternational athletic and

The arena will have a six-

lane, 200-metre athletics

track, which can be removed to

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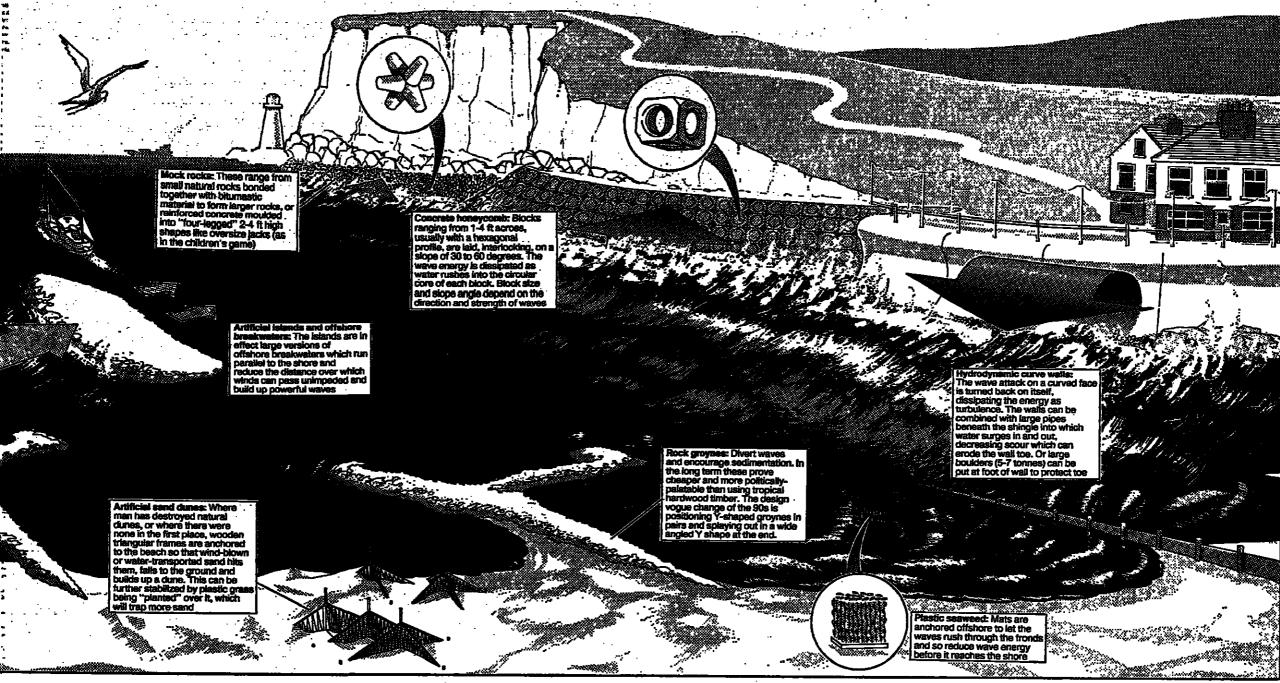
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# **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

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# Britain's battle of the beaches



he scars from last week's storms will be visible around the coast of Britain for years, testifying to the power of the sea when its immense energy is unleashed. They also illustrate what can be expected when the predicted rise in the sea level, occurs after the year 2000 from the effects of global warming.

Too many of Britain's coastal defences rely on the product of Victorian civil engineering solid, square, reinforced walls, old groynes to stabilize the sand and ngle beaches and break up the rolling wave front, and wide dykes, which are beginning to ield to the releatless pounding of

With carpets still soggy in the engineers throughout Britain know that similar weaknesses in sea defences elsewhere, combined With increasingly frequent "freak" weather conditions, place hundreds of miles of coastline at risk. "We have got an enormous stock of old sea walls. I am not saying we should panic unduly, but there is a high level of concern," Dr Alan Brampton, director of the coastal engineering group at the Hydraulics Research Station in Wallingford, Oxford-

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"At Towyn nobody would have espected such a severe attack. This winter has been so violent it could strike anywhere."

Such extensive damage has not occurred since 1953, when 307 people died as a result of marine flooding, mainly on the east coast of Britain, and 32,000 people were evacuated from their homes.

As each storm or flood has occurred, newspapers have latelled them as "freak floods". freak winds" or "freak storms". or started reports with "The

weather went mad yesterday". Engineers, their hands tied by disparate funding and shrinking budgets, predict they will be more frequent. A Government pledge of £54 million a year for renewal of coastal defences by 1993 has been decried as a drop in the ocean. Uniess vast sums are spent, land. hvestock and human lives will remain endangered, the engineers

say.
"Sea walls can cost £5,000 for each metre run. So £50 million would buy 10 kilometres of sea

More frequent storms and rising sea levels threaten

our shores.

**Bronwen Jones** investigates

wall, and we have more than 10,000 kilometres of coast." Dr Brampton says. "It is not possible with the money we put in to guarantee safety.

The technology used to protect our coast is one of the slowest change, because of the high risks entailed in making an incorrect decision.

Trends in sea defence technology are moving towards ways of fooling nature: with floating mats of plastic seaweed, mock rocks, honeycombed concrete that absorbs the waves' energy, or curves in once-angular walls to make the incoming tide roll back

But the protection slogan for the Nineties is "softness is strength". Although every coast protection device ever tried could still prove to be the ideal answer for particular geomorphology, the move is towards the "super breakwater" fending off the waves at a distance. The rectangular profile of old seawalls is out. They met force with force, whereas the strategy now is to divert and dissipate wave and

wind energy. In The Netherlands, vast tracts of land are at or below sea level, and the problems are correspondingly worse. But necessity has also made the Dutch engineers among the best in coastal protection, and adoption of their soft approach in recent years is likely to become

common in Britain. New structures in Britain already tend to follow this approach, but lack of money in many parts of the country means the only "solution" is short term.

In raising wall heights to deal with a rising sea level, engineers are having to reassess 20-year, 50year and 100-year events as storm frequency increases.

protection is disparate funding. The Property Services Agency, British Rail, the Department of Trade and Industry, the National Rivers Authority and local authorities are responsible for different stretches of coastline. In some areas the residents are even responsible for protecting their

Coastal recession in Britain can be as much as two metres a year in some areas, but this can be balanced by natural or manassisted land reclamation

Tampering with this continual process of sediment transport and deposition cannot be approached lightly. It is analysed by threeional computer modelling, so that beaches or whole villages this century with Hallsands in

Computer modelling can simulate water flow speed increases or reduction against new groyne designs by inputting tidal range, average depth, tidal period and the simulation time. If the structure does not slow or deflect the waves enough, a new structure is designed on screen.

reakwaters have to be positioned to prevent direct confrontation between land mass and wave power. Minor promontories are constructed to protect the coastline indirectly by

interrupting longshore drift. Groynes or breakwaters can be made of timber, concrete, piles of rock or rock-substitutes, metal sheet piling or a combination of two or more of these.

In addition to long groynes joined to the coast at one end and splaying in a wide-angled "Y" at the other, offshore breakwaters and artificial islands are built to curb wave power. No structure is designed to stop longshore drift, just to slow it or to persuade it to leave a little extra sediment

Some coastal armouring mimics rock mounds, using reinforced concrete moulded into shapes like the pieces of a child's game of jacks. They can be up to 6 ft high. and piling them higgledy-piggledy is intentional, as the more voids between them the better the wave

energy is dissipated. Another option, tried in north Wales, is to have a gently sloping face to the sea wall - which uses considerably more material - and face it with an asphaltic layer or with a single layer of honeycomb Hollowed hexagonal tubes or

hollowed-out "cubes" with angled concrete than other man-made ered regularly. schemes. They vary from 1 ft to 4 ft across, and hexagonal units have to be laid with one pair of points facing up and down the

Commonly known as "seabees", small vitrified clay versions have been used with great success in Australia, and similar schemes with concrete have been used on a harbour in Jersey and on Wirral.

They need tight packing to be

The disadvantage of disparate coastal protection is that efficient land retention by one borough could starve schemes in a neighbouring borough to encourage sedimentation of material that corners use up to 50 per cent less was previously eroded and deliv-

> n equally strange idea that has been used quite successfully in the North Sea, around oil platforms, is artificial seaweed. This is made in mats of buoyant plastic — the inverse of a plastic door curtain - but it is difficult to anchor in shallower

Plastic can also be used in geomembranes to retain submarine slopes, particularly on large groyne structures or artificial islands. They can be combined with natural materials, as in Belgium, where blankets of willow tree branches are tied to polypropylene fabric and weighted

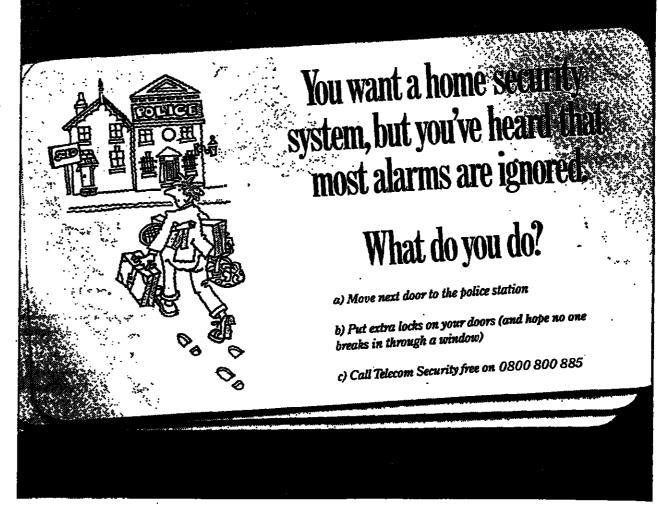
down with stones to stop scouring

If sediments are too "loose" to build a groyne above, they are compacted into place by large probes that are held by cranes on barges, and vibrated vertically. Explosives are used for deep compaction, the charge impact causing liquefaction of the sand, which then settles into a more dense, stable structure.

of breakwater foundations.

While the restoration of natural beaches, sand dunes and marshes might provide a natural buffer against the sea in some places, engineering of immensely costly sea walls and dykes will be needed if the present boundaries of the British coastline are to be maintained in the face of a 3 ft rise in sea levels, forecast for the year 2050.

Some experts believe that nature should be left to cope in many places, so that money can be diverted to larger, more vulnerable areas where man-made defences are necessary. It may be impractical to think of protecting all areas at present defended against floods. But the plans and choices should be made now.



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# Pen-friendly computer

The main problem in coastal

he day when we jot down shopping lists on pocket-sized computers rather than on scraps of paper has come a little nearer with the arrival of a new. paperback-sized computer that recognizes handwriting and does away with a keyboard in favour of an electronic pen.

Sony, the Japanese electronics manufacturer, plans to market its PalmTop computer from next month. It is not the first company to produce a computer which uses handwriting recognition technology rather than a keyboard -Canon and Tandy brought out versions last year - but the

PalmTop is more compact. "You don't have to read thick manuals or go to training courses to be able to use this machine." Toshi Doi, a Sony director, said yesterday. The company was initially "argeting it at businessmen in their 20s and 30s who need a portable mode of data entry".



Sony's PalmTop can recognize more than 3,500 Chinese characters, Roman letters and Arabic numerals as well as graphics using a system based on "fuzzy logic", a set of reasoning rules that enable computers to process information expressed in vague terms such as

the common expression "very hot". The PalmTop flips open like a laptop computer and instructions are entered with a special pen on to an electronic screen. It is priced at 198,000 yen (£800) and will, at first, only be available in Japan until more software is developed.

The machine - which is eight inches wide, six inches deep. 1.8 inches high and weighs 2.8lb includes a software system which provides simple word processing, a personal organizer and graphics.

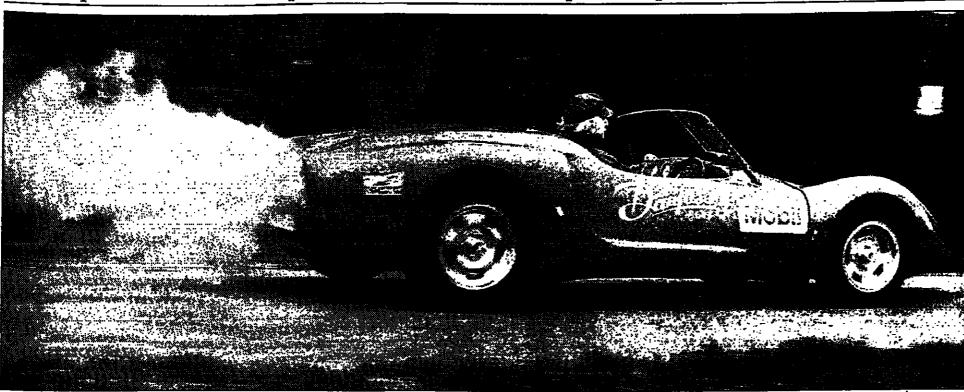
Data entered is automatically organized into a personal data base. Additional software for salesmen and the insurance in-

dustry is being prepared. The PalmTop can store 110 A4size pages. An adaptor allows twoway communication of data through a fax machine. Sony is hoping for monthly production of 1,000 and expects to sell a total of 300,000 in three years.

Joe Joseph, Tokyo

# **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

Steam-powered cars could help to solve the world's fuel and pollution problems. Matthew May reports



Fall-steam ahead: Peter Pellandine in his Pelland Steamer - some people believe he is a humorous eccentric. "They think of the 19th century and ask where the man with the shovel sits"

# Forward to age of steam

than runs on steam is not one that springs readily to mind. But industrial designer and engineer Peter Pellandine says his newly developed vehicle shows how steam power, coupled with modern electronics, offers a solution to the world's environmental and fuel problems.

Mr Pellandine has designed the Pelland Steamer, a two-seated vehicle which looks like a modern petrol-driven sports car. Its power source is steam, heated by the same oil used in oil-fired central heating systems. The oil is pumped through a nozzle and the resulting spray ignited by a single spark plug. This converts water into steam, which is then piped to a three-cylinder engine where energy is transmitted to the crankshaft via double acting

An electronic system is used to control the steam quality and provide the driver with information on engine performance.

The car can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in eight seconds, has a top speed of more than 100 mph and can travel 30 miles on a gallon of home heating oil.

Eventually, Mr Pellandine hopes to break the world record for reciprocating steam power by

Steam-powered vehicles need no longer be like the dirty and noisy railway engines of the past; this vehicle is cleaner and quieter than a modern car'

improving the vehicle's performance to produce a top speed of 135 mph. The current record of 128 mph was established in 1906.

Mr Pellandine became interested in the idea of steam power in 1974 when the South Australian government commissioned him to construct a prototype steam vehicle.

The Australians wanted to reduce motor vehicle pollution in Adelaide which, with hills on one side and sea on the other, suffers from smog problems in the same way as Los

The prototype was built, but work



on the project was halted when government funds ran out. In 1978, Mr Pellandine returned to Britain and began building a second version, attracting more than £60,000

in sponsorship. The project has been delayed for much of the past two years because of lack of money. But Mr Pellandine recently began work on it again with modest support from the Mobil oil company and Danfoss, a Danish supplier of central heating equip-

Mr Pellandine says his car offers a striking demonstration of the poten-

tial of modern steam power. "Steam-powered vehicles need no longer be like the dirty and noisy railway engines of the past; this vehicle is cleaner and quieter than a modern car.

"Oil is pretty handy to use, and because it burns at atmospheric pressure, you get more carbon dioxide, but no carbon monoxide. Oxides and nitrogen are produced at only two to three per cent of the rate of a modern car," he says.
"Burning the oil is clean, just like

in a central heating system, com-pared with burning coal in a grate,

where everything gets dirty."

Mr Pellandine says steam's constant pressure is another advantage. This provides smooth and virtually noiseless operation in contrast to the noise and vibration of petroldriven engines.

The steam engine's major poten-tial, he believes, is with vehicles such as buses and taxis which make numerous interrupted journeys in the inner cities. The engine's lack of gearbox, friction clutch, carburettor and timing mechanism would reduce servicing and renewal of parts.
"Cleaner, quieter automatic steampowered taxis would be ideal," Mr

r Pellandine says some people dismiss his project as a humorous eccentricity. "It's the giggle factor. They think of the 19th century and ask where the man with the shovel sits."

He says his Pelland Steamer, which will be shown this weekend at the sports and kit car show at Bingley Hall in Stafford, can be unreliable. But he is convinced that with serious funding steam power could become a reliable alternative for vehicles by the end of the

## SCIENCE REPORT

# Of mice, men and research

ere is a recipe to make your very own carrying whatever genetic traits you want. First, pick a ne, modify to taste, and introduce the now-mutant version into an embryonic

Once inside the cell, the stant gene will, with luck, find and displace the equivalent native gene. Then, inject the modified mouse cell into a mouse mbryo, and bring to term inside a female mouse. The result is a "transformed" ouse that can pass the new gene on to later generations. Cross with other transformed mice, and you will soon have a unique, breed of mouse carrying your custom

Researchers have used this way to the study of how diseases, such as cancer, operate in living animals. The lessons learnt along the way will give researchers an insight

into human diseases. It sounds easy, except that the technique runs into a worrying puzzle which researchers are auxious to solve. The part of the recipe in which a modified gene displaces a gene inside an embryonic mouse cell is called "gene targeting", but nobody knows how the introduced gene locates its arrival. "double" among the thousands of other genes in the

Many genes occur in several copies in a single cell. One might think that the more copies of the target gene there are, the better the chances of an introduced gene locating one of them. If so, then gene targeting would be the "rate limiting" step. Improve gene targeting and one could make nore mice, more easily. A nice thought, but misplaced, as Hui Zheng and John H. Wilson, of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, show in tomorrow's issue of Nature. The two Sature Times News Service 1900

two kinds of cell for genetic target practice. They are identical, except that one has two copies of a particaiar target gene per cell, and the other has 800.

if the number of copies of the target gene were rate cell type as the first, in the gene corresponding with an equivalent, native target gene would have a better chance of displacing one, were there more of them to

As it turns out, though, the number of target sequences has no influence at all on the success of gene targeting. So it cannot be the rate-

limiting step of the mouse recipe. To make more mice, researchers must look elsewhere in the recipe to find the ratelimiting step.
Why should the

number of targets make no differ-Consider a secret agent arriving in a strange town for an appointment with a contact. The more contacts in the town, the better his chances of meeting one. But if he knows the time and place of the rendezvous beforehand, he can go straight there. Even better, his contact could meet him at the station on his

A s with our secret agent, there is increasing evidence that introduced genes are not left to flounder: cells have some kind of machinery for "sampling" incoming genes and directing them where necessary, irrespective of how many targets there are.

It seems genes are not static entities like a row of village shops on a Sunday morning; in the genetic village, every day is market

Henry Gee

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weeks old drops a toy out of sight, does the toy no longer exist for the infant? An answer to this question, which has intrigued psychologists for decades, has come from scientists working at the frontiers of research on early childhood

Parent Control of the The conclusion is among a number of discoveries that are challenging established views on the growth of intelligence from birth to adolescence.

. The revelations undermine many of the views on which the nurturing of infants, the curricula for primary and secondary school education and the provisions for handicapped children are based An outline of the research from which this new perspective is evolving is published today in Psychologist, the periodical of the British Psychological Society.

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Dr Alyson Davis, of the depart-ment of child development and primary education at the Institute of Education, London University, says the greatest challenge to received wisdom comes from studies showing that, contrary to belief, babies are born with a high degree of intellig

A demonstration that babies are born with more than a modicum of intellect, and are not just a bundle of reflexes waiting to be fed, is emerging from a number of international investigations.

A leader among the researchers in the United Kingdom, Dr Alan Slater, of Exeter University, says: Newborn babies not only see and focus better than is generally recognized, they also begin rapidly

# Babies are no dumnies

Pearce Wright

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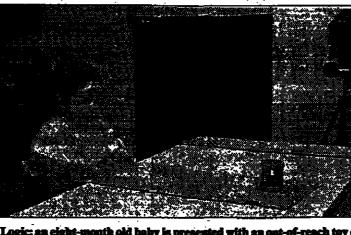
intelligence in newborn babies

to make sense of what they see. "All the senses of a baby are functioning at birth, though not all

with the same acuity as the adult. But babies can learn about the world from the moment they are born. The new infant recognizes its mother and others by sight, sound and smell. The evidence also points to a lot of learning in the womb.

"While initial understanding of the world may be limited, and concentrated on the figures and objects the baby sees, you don't have to teach babies to become humans," Dr Slater says.

He maintains that babies are predisposed to communicate from birth. "From the start babies are



Logic: an eight-mouth old baby is presented with an out-of-reach toy on a cloth. Instead of grabbing for the toy, she pulls the cloth towards her

attracted to the human voice more than any other sounds, and start forming attachments not just to the mother, but to the father, brothers and sisters."

Dr Peter Willatts, of Dundee University, Scotland, whose experiments answered the out-of-sight question, says: "Infants are making sense of the world within three months of birth." His research with babies aged

five to 12 months shows that infants can carry out a task by planning at a very early age, rather than by trial and error, or just grabbing at things around them.

Some of these results will appear soon in a volume of papers entitled Infant Behaviour and

Development, by Dr Slater and other leaders in the field. Dr Slater says researchers have become more adept at uncovering infants' carly abilities, leading to the recognition of the new-born baby

as a "competent infant".

There has been a fresh look at one of the most established fields of research, the ability to recognize and memorize faces, which spans development from infancy to adulthood.

Professor Hadyn Ellis, of the University College of Wales, Car-diff, has found that the ability to recognize faces deteriorates temporarily at about the age of 12. Since this is the age of puberty,

he attributes the effect to physio-

logical causes. There are also more claborate theories that suggest that this is the age at which the brain res into adulthood, and the right hemisphere of the brain assumes its superiority for the job of recognizing and memorizing

The advance in monitoring the ability to recognize faces comes from methods devised by Dr. David Perrett and Dr Phil Benson, of St Andrews University, Scotland, who made subtle changes to facial portraits using a computer. Five university groups in Britain are exploring changes in the skills of children aged between three and 16 to recognize faces.

The new-born baby can see a

but that they rapidly learn to make the kind of discrimination between them that would tax all but the most sophisticated computer

face with about the same degree of

acuity as the adult cat - an out-of-

focus image - according to the researchers. As with the cat,

movement and change are the

clarity as the adult at about six

months, according to Professor

Ellis's team, and at 10 to 15 minutes after birth babies are

attracted by an animated face

rather than a blank head shape or

An experiment at Glasgov

University by Dr Ian Bushnell and

colleagues indicates that at two

days babies can discriminate their

mother's face from that of a

stranger matched for similarity.

one with scrambled features.

The child sees with the same

stimuli to attract attention.

systems for image processing." The transformation of research has come through the use of computers and electronic technology to provide a method of constructing new tests during the course of an experiment, instead of taking the results of a one-off test back to the laboratory for analysis before trying another.

necessary to explain the intriguing fact that not only do babies enter

the world ready to look at faces,

In devising the out-of-sight experiment, Dr Willatts used an infra-red television system to film the behaviour of infants after the light was switched off in a room.

ut it is the implications of the early development of intelligence that attracts his attention. Dr Willatts believes the new findings contradict the ideas, particularly of the late Professor Jean Piaget, on which the present approach to education from pre-

school onwards is based. Children may be at risk far earlier than previously thought of being hampered in achieving their intellectual potential, and Dr Willatts believes that further study is required of children who have difficulty in exploiting their innate

intelligence.
He suggests, for example that an individual with a short and limited working memory would be at a disadvantage in early childhood under the current methods of encouraging development.

# Moscow wired

The McDonald's fast food store which opened in Moscow recently week by a branch of the US personal

computer franchise, Computerland. The store, which is the first to sell Western computers in the Soviet Union, will accept only hard currency and expects a turnover of £6 million this year. It is, however, prevented from selling the more advanced personal computers, such as those based on the 386 chip, by the Paris-based Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls, which controls the export of advanced Western technology

## Foetal study

A technique for monitoring the foetal heart during delivery is no more effective than a stethoscope and could increase the risk of cerebral ficials to consider removing it palsy in premature infants, from the list of endangered according to a study published species and reclassify it as a in the New England Journal of Medicine. Electronic monitoring was believed to provide for quicker detection of oxygen deprivation but the study, which compared 93 maturely born children who had been electronically monstored with 96 whose heart rates were monitored only with a stethoscope, found that the electronic version was no better, and, in some cases, worse. Cerebral palsy was diagnosed in 20 per cent of the children in the electronic group compared with 8 per cent of those children monitored with a stethoscope.

## Rocket launch



new contract to launch two satellites despite the explosion last month of an Ariane rocket shortly after take off with two Japanese satellites on board. pace, which grounded its vehicles pending investiga-

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Scientists have developed a fluffy substance that contains so little solid matter it is almost invisible but can support fairly heavy weights. The material, dubbed aerogel, consists of linked microscopic fibres of silica and has been developed at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. In its lightest form it has a density equivalent to a teaspoon of water dispersed in the volume of more than a gallon.

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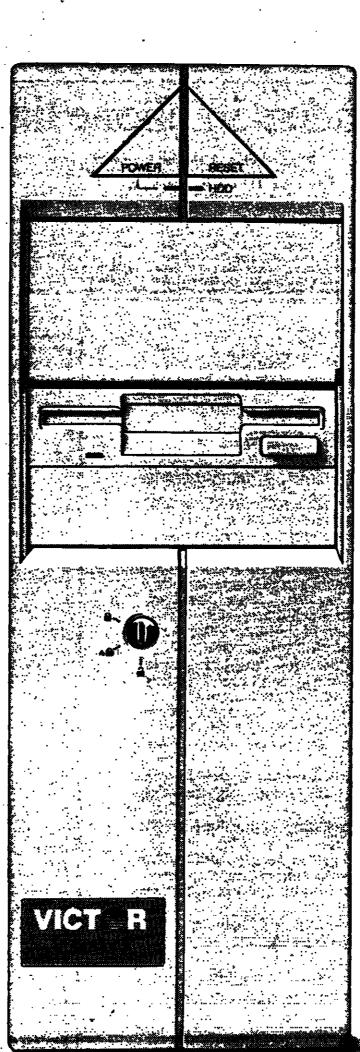
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threatened species. The decision is seen as a victory for wildlife activists and government officials who have spent 20 years and £15 million helping the numbers of bald eagle recover.

# Quality image

Generating moving colour video images from computers still strains the capacity of the fastest personal computers. Even a still colour picture can require the storage of as many 30 million characters of information to provide a reasonable resolution. Now a Silicon Valley company, C Cubed Microsystems, says it has developed a processor that can store pictures in onetwentieth of the storage capacity currently needed and can store a standard size colour photograph in less than a second or produce television quality video pictures. It is likely to be used in videophones and desktop video editing units and could reduce the price of colour copiers and

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These include the notorious American Pit Bull Terrier, the Rottweiler, the Doberman and the German Shepherd dog.

caused by the so-called defence

Taken on their own, the figures appear a powerful indictment of such dogs, luring the casual observer to embrace notions of natural evil in certain breeds.

Yet the researchers also examined the background of the dogs' owners and here, claims Dr Fogle, a more revealing picture emerges.

All the animals were being kept by men between the ages of 18 and 25 and half of these had prison records. Forty per cent of these owners had committed violent crimes and half the dogs that carried out the attacks showed scars and other signs of being cruelly treated.
Indeed, says Dr Fogle, the
researchers found that the Rott-

weiler is no less likely to bite than any other defence breed. The evidence is that they are less likely to bite than a West Highland Terrier, a Yorkshire Terrier or a Jack Russell. The difference is that the crushing power of a Rottweiller is much greater," explains the vet, who calculates the force of one of these dogs at more than 400 pounds

. The study strongly suggests that dogs, unlike say cats or other pets, are not creatures which exist in isolation of man and his behaviour. Within man's power is the ability to mould, wittingly or unwittingly, his "best friend" into a biological time bomb or a powerful companion and

ally.

Clearly, human violence is likely to begat violence in a dog. But many

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Savage dogs or just bad owners?



caring owners have found that even the friendliest ball of fluff can grow into a bullying bound or an un-

controllable monster. Dr Fogle believes that at the heart of these problems, which are likely to intensify as the ownership of specially-bred guard dogs become more widespread, is the nearmythical relationship between man

At the core of this is the fact that, superficially, dogs appear to behave

Fear on the street: passers-by give a wide berth to Rottweilers. But why are such breeds aggressive to humans?

like ourselves. Dr Fogle, who has brought together some of the best available research in his book. The Dog's Mind, says that both life forms relish activities such as bodily contact, mock aggression, play and

Yet, despite all this apparent commonality, a dog remains an animal with a genetic programme and behaviour all its own. Dogs may appear to be acting with humanistic traits, artificially amplified by selective breeding, but inside their brains is a unique mind that too few owners fail, or even want, to understand.

For example, pets that jump up and "kiss" their master or mistress on his or her arrival home can be seen as simply loving children eager for affection. Yet, in reality, at least part of the behaviour is a throwback to the wild when a bitch would regurgitate food to her litter of This misinterpretation of the dog's mind and the endowment of it with human-like qualities permeters the relationship. But it is in the complex area of aggression that the flaws can backfire, leading to violence towards humans and sometimes the necessary destruction of a

pet for safety reasons.

Dr Fogle's view is that one in five dogs brought to a vet for aggression problems has so-called dominance egression, a condition that is both inherited and learns.

It commonly affects pure-bred dogs, including Springer Spaniels, Rouweilers, Dobermans and Lhasa Apsos. At its root can be a belief by the dog that the owner is weak. This perceived weakness can operate at a nighly subtle level.

If my dog comes over and asks to be stroked, and I stroke her, I am telling her that I obey her commands," argues Dr Fogle Dogs with this condition rarely attack small children or submissive people. The animal, in its mind, regards only more forceful individuals as a threat to its social position.

emocracy, prized by people, is "a misplaced deology in the canine world", argues Dr Fogle. Fear and aggression are the most common cause of dogs bitting children and can often be traced back to overprotection of the

Instead of being exposed to a barrage of stimuli, such as postmen, dustmen, cats, crowds, lifts, some caring owners unwittingly deprive a pup of vital sensory stimulation. Children then become strange species complete with unfamiliar smells who are often seen as competitors for food, attention and warmth.

It can be treated and unlearnt, but tragically in some breeds it can be inherited. This is a more serious problem if it occurs in a big defence breed of dog such as the German Shepherd or, in Britain particularly, the now notorious Rottweiller.

◆ The Dog's Mind by Dr Bruce Fogle is published by Pelham Books at £14.99.

Board is in no doubt about the dynamic effect the new communication system is already having in marketing Northern Ireland itself. British Telecom's transfer of

much of the London directoryinquiry service to Portadown, Armagh, has created 200 new jobs; British Airways is switching a large part of its reservation and ticketing operations to Belfast with a second airline reported to be following suit, and the Belfast passport office is being enlarged to serve United Kingdom applicants as a whole.

**Bob Rodwell** 

# A high price for training

Why free in-the-job instruction could be an expensive handicap

fter the outcome of a legal buttle, companies that train staff in information technology may now introduce contracts forcing employees to repay the cost of training should they resign within a specified

The long-awaited appeal by Philip Hubble, a former employee of Electronic Data Systems (EDS), against a judgment requiring him to repay £4,500 in training costs, was abandoned at the last moment. The case, which lasted four years, centred on the issue of a promissary note that trainees sign when joining EDS. Under this, staff must pay a fixed sum if they leave EDS within three years.

It had been seen as a test case by the unions, EDS and other employers training information technology staff. At issue was the loss of training investment the company suffers if an employee resigned before pay-back per-iod on the one hand, and the employee's right to earn a living without being "unreasonably fettered" on the

The cases were backed by the Manufacturing Science and Finance (MSF) union because, according to an official, it is "vehemently opposed" to binding training

At a pre-trial settlement at the end of last month, it was agreed on behalf of Mr Habble, and three other former EDS employees, to pay 90 per cent of EDS's legal costs. Mr le has also agreed to pay the full £4,500. It was agreed that the remaining three for-mer employees would each pay half that figure.

The idea of training contracts is unusual in the IT industry, although training is expensive and companies suffer from a rapid turnover of staff. Many firms argue that the high level of poaching deters them from training. Some see contracts as a way to ensure a return on their invest-

ment. Only one other company. ROCC Services, is known to require IT staff to sign a contract but it maintains it is unlikely to ask employees to repay the training costs

should they leave,
Mike Aldrich, chief execntive of ROCC, says: "I think these contracts ought to be mandatory. The industry can-not go on the way it is. Many of my colleagues say they are going to do it."

The chairman of the Coupating Services Association's personnel managers group said last year that many companies were awaiting the outcome of the case to clarify the

One factor is that trained duates, who are paid about £11,000 by IT companies, could, with such a training contract, be placed in a pos-ition where they lose the option to resign over factors such as low salary increases or the overtime they are expected to work, unless they can afford to lose almost half a year's salary.

Staff and the unions have a surprising ally: the computer manufacturers, which res opposed to training contracts and are the largest employers

"I am emphatically against these agreements," says Peter Forbes, ICL's graduate-recruitment manager. The boot is so definitely on the graduate's foot already that putting penalties on recruitment misht be seen as a deterrent to joining a firm. The most effective contract is one both parties enter freely."

Staff required to sign such contracts are advised to seek legal advice. Larry Brooke ISF national IT officer, says practices and will continue to port to fight these cases." led the problem differently.

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**TENNIS** 

# Leng to obey orders and take part in **Badminton trial**

By Jenny MacArthu

Virginia Leng, who hopes to defend her team and individual world championship three-day-event title in Stockholm in July, has had her request to be excused this year's Whithread Championship at Badminton - the main trial for Stockholm turned down by the selectors.

Leng's main concern over Badminton (May 3 to 7) is that "there's very little time to recover". With her horse, Master Craftsman, having little to prove to the selectors he won the individual Olym-pic bronze medal in 1988, Badminton in 1989 and the team and individual European titles last September, Leng asked if she could be excused Badminton.

The selectors decided unanimously that all riders wishing to be considered for Stockholm would be required to compete at Badminton. Leng responded yesterday: "Master Craftsman will run at Badminton as preparation for the world championships as requested. If, however, the

same venue on April 25.

It depends on one of two
British boxers, Michael Watson
and Nigel Benn, failing in his
world title attempt. Watson
faces Mike McCallum, of Ja-

maica, and Benn meets Doug

would stay clear of the man with

the most awkward style in Britain, according to Eubank's

manager, Barry Hearn. Hearn has had talks with the

managers of McCallum and Dewitt and he said that they

would be happy to come to England to defend against Eubank at Brighton. "We have a

good relationship going with McCallum's people." Hearn, who is promoting the World

Boxing Association's defence against Watson, said. "And also

Dewitt, of the United States, next month. If they won they

selectors, who will decide cussions on the subject and whether or not the horse decided that Ginny has a whether or not the horse competes.

Few, if any, know better than she and her team how to prepare a horse for a big threeday-event championship as her record over the last decade testifies - six team gold medals, two Olympic individ-ual bronze medals, three successive European titles and the world title.

Last year, in an apparent misunderstanding with the selectors, she withdrew Master Craftsman from the final trial for the European championships at Gatcombe because of concern over the going. Three weeks later, at Burghley, the pair won the team and individual European titles.

Asked yesterday why Leng, with her excellent record, could not have been excused Badminton, Jane Holderness-Roddam, the chairman of the selectors and and an Olympic team gold medal winner in 1968, said: "The job of the selectors this year is to bring back gold medals from Stockcourse or ground are unsuit-able, I will confer with the holm. We had lengthy dis-in the lesser placings.

better chance of winning gold medals if she did run at Badminton than if she didn't. You've only got to look at horses that have been excused Badminton in the past - such as Mark Phillips's Cartier before Seoul - to see the problems that might arise." It might equally forcefully be argued the other way. In 1984 Lucinda Green's Regal Realm and Leng's Priceless were both excused Badminton before the Los Angeles Olym-pics. Leng won the individual bronze and Green finished

• Because of Badminton's proximity to Stockholm, Hugh Thomas, the director of the trials, has reduced the distance of the cross-country by a minute and a half and that of the steeplechase by half a minute. Other changes at Badminton this year include much tighter stable security in International Equestrian Federation veterinary regulations and higher prize-money

# A man too awkward to face

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent with Dewitt's people, and they have said they would be pre-pared to come to England." Chris Eubank, the Brighton middleweight, could be boxing for the world title in July at the Brighton Centre after the first defence of the World Boxing Hearn added: "Of course, we would talk to Benn and Watson Council international title at the

get it on. But Watson is well advised, and will, I am sure, be well advised to stay clear of

all three Britons busy. Eubank believes only two boxers in the world could pose problems for him: Michael Nunn, the International Boxing Federation champion, and

If Watson and Benn won and decided not to face Eubank, Hearn said he would try for the winner between Roberto Duran and Lindell Holmes. There are enough middleweight and super-middleweight champions in the four world bodies to keep

Herol Graham, the British champion. Both have styles similar to his. "Graham is a master, a genius," Eubank said. "If I lose to anyone it will be to

Eubank, who lifted the World Boxing Council international title by stopping Hugo Corti, of Argentina, on Tuesday night at York Hall, Bethnal Green, said he wanted show all to meet if they won. If Benn fancied carning a lot of money, we could he wanted above all to meet The media has built him up to be something he isn't."

However, Benn is sure to avoid Eubank because the West Ham man does not like to face boxers, preferring instead to meet fighters who walk into his

wings.

Eubank, who took his record to 21 wins out of 21 against Corti, boxed well. He looked for his openings and picked his punches with accuracy. His jabs landed solidly on the Argentinian's chin, his combinations were crisp and sharp, and his uppercut was the best I have seen in Britain for a long time. One's only wish was that his innovative style would allow him to do those things more

the 400 metres and leg numbers being difficult to read on the

photo-finish apparatus. Again, the situation was not helped by

having a system imposed by the

EAA, which seems not to have

been adequately tested before-

hand in the particular con-ditions of the Kelvin Hall arena.

Having cameras with lenses that did not focus properly cannot

have made things easy for the

I realise there were many

other problems that cannot be

excused, but the above were

critical factors in the overall running of the meeting, and it would be helpful if blame for the

failings were properly appor-

operators.

tioned.

Yours faithfully, BOB SPARKS,

# Stars step aside for Capriati's 🚨 road show

From Barry Wood Boca Raton, Florida

Jennifer Capriati came and conquered, and when she went away, the hubbub created by her professional debut settled and the world returned to normal -

Gabriela Sabatini and Monica Seles, the leading seeds in the Virginia Slims of Florida, per-formed later, and the media paid them not the slightest bit of attention. At least for this week, they are passee, and it is Capriati who holds court as the new queen of tennis. She de-feated Mary Lou Daniels, a long-standing professional, 7-6,

Not aged 14 until the 29th of this month, Capriati took the circus in her stride. A host of television cameras and photog raphers recorded every step as she walked on court, and care-fully filmed her removing her jacket, taking her racket from its bag, and posing with Daniels at

She played, and she made mistakes like any other mortal. She never approached the lofty heights she achieved when dispatching Clare Wood 6-0, 6-0, on her Wightman Cup debut last September. But she still displayed enough of her special talents to explain why, having never played outside the junior ranks, she had generated contracts worth in excess of \$5

Capriati has an excellent sin-gle-handed forehand, but, like most youngsters, favours a dou-ble-handed backhand. Her preparation to meet the ball is perhaps her greatest asset, with the result that she rarely looks awkward. She does not waste time on court, and has the Graf attitude of playing the game without pausing for breath.

She was composed both dur-ing the match and after, handling the Press with ease, although, like many 13-year-olds, she had little of substance to say. She considered the media attention "slightly out of con-trol", which was a masterly

Gradually, the publicity will fade a little and she will be able to get down to business and receive the same attention that any other highly-talented player receives. Only then, when she has grown accustomed to her new life and eased into the routine of stardom, when she is no longer distracted by the showbiz atmosphere that sur-rounds her, will we be able to assess her game with accuracy.

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 Andre Agassi, Brad Gilbert,
 Rick Leach and Jim Pugh will form the US Davis Cup team for the match against Czecho-slovakia from March 30 to April



# Sampras is starting to fulfil his huge promise

From Richard Evans, Indian Wells, California

Two years ago, here at Grand Champions, Pete Sampras announced his arrival in professional tennis, aged just 16, by beating Ramesh Krishnan.

In the first round of this year's In the first round of this year's News Week Cup, Sampras, co-incidentally, was required to beat Krishnan again, which he

did 6-3, 6-2. The expectations that constantly surround him are a little more sober now compared with those that His supporter greeted him in 1988, when the sigh of relief. experts were raving about his style and poise.

He was swiftly signed by the Mark McConnack International

Management Group, and re-warded with a lucrative clothing contract from Sergio Tacchini. Then, everyone waited for the miracles to happen - but they kept on happening to someone

In particular, they happened

and questions were being asked. But, suddenly, Sampras has made his move. Good results in Australia, followed by a semi-final placing in Milan, and his first big title in Philadelphia, have elevated him to No. 17. His supporters have breathed a

His supporters have breathed a

# Jockey Club plans major reform of leclarotic declaration system

The stewards of the Jockey Club have committed themselves to far-sighted reforms of the declaration system under which horses will be declared 48 hours before they run and jockeys 24 hours before they ride.

The Horserscing Advisory
Council will consider the plan and take into account wide-spread criticism from the train-ers' and jockeys' associations. Because of amendments in-Weatherbys' computer, the im-plementation is unlikely before 1992.

All other major racing countries have similar schemes so that racecards, and newspapers carrying fields of runners and riders, are complete. The present system of a 24-hour declaration of horses, and jockeys declared just 45 minutes before a race, is enhanced by Press Association reporters who compile jockeys lists which are more than 90 per cent accurate. The Jockey Club is responding to calls from punters, race-courses, bookmakers and the Levy Board to provide a comcarrying fields of runners and Levy Board to provide a com-prehensive racecard for all me-dia which will aid the marketing of British racing worldwide. At present we compete directly with the French, who have earlier declaration times, and are able to offer a superior

In 1988 the HAC considered a proposal for declared jockeys using the present 24-hour declaration for horses, but the scheme was considered

The new plan requires trainers to declare horses by I lam two days before a race. This is an hour later in the day than the present deadline, in order to take account of possible double summer time. Jockeys would be declared 26 hours later, by 1pm

There might be chesper entry to races for jockeys declared at the time the entry is made. And the Jockey Club may use the system to re-open races which system to re-open races which were reduced to a walkover or brought uncompetitive fields.

Jockey declaration is more difficult in England than in many other countries, where and jockeys are based at a racecourse, thus facilitating

administration. However, racing in Australia is organized state by state and their structure is similar to our with several meetings a day over-a wide area; they have readily adapted to earlier declaration

times.

Richard Mackaness, chief executive of the National Trainers' Federation, said: "At the AGM, trainers were against it to a man," while the Jockeys' Association spokesman, Mich-ael Caulfield, said: "I do not know of a jockey who is in favour of this new proposal." Weatherbys intend to set up a sophisticated network of com-puter terminals at raccourses, together with information on Prestel and a help desk at their Wellingborough headquarters to give trainers up-to-the-mit information on jockeys'

availability.
There are also comprehensive arrangements to allow for the substitution of jockeys when they are injured, or when a they are injured, or when a they are injured.

Trainers and jockeys might beinconvenienced by the proincome is carned, through the Levy Board, from punters and this should be an occasion when the requirements of the industry overshadow those of individual

# Carvill's Hill unlikely to run in Gold Cup

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent

Carvill's Hill is almost certain to miss the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup a week today after failing to please connections in an after-racing gallop at Fairyhouse far more than eight lengths.

Frank Berry, now retired, partnered Art Trail in the workout and he now goes for-Tuesday's Waterford Crystal. please connections in an after-racing gallop at Fairyhouse yesterday.

Partnered by Ken Morgan.

Carvill's Hill covered two miles

on the Flat with six stable companions and finished eight companions and initiate eight lengths clear of Art Trail. However, Morgan said after-wards that Carvill's Hill, on offer at 10-1 (with a run) for the Gold Cup before the gallop, had felt some way short of his best. Lim Dranger his trainer also

Jim Dreaper, his trainer, also expressed disappointment at the performance of Carvill's Hill, believing he should have won by

Supreme Novices' Hurdle where he will be ridden by

Lingfield 'unfit' Jockey Club inspectors have declared Lingfield's turf track unfit for racing at the end of next week. Sections of turf fitted after the winning post to make the turn out of the home straight less severe have failed to settle in time for the course's two-day meeting on March 16-17.

## **CYCLING**

# Sturgess is in need of sponsor

By Peter Bryan

Colin Sturgess, world champion in his first year as a professional, returned home to Leicester from his racing base in Belgium yesterday penniless and with a contract for this year that appeared worthless.

The gold medal I won at Lyons, France, last August, is like a millstone around my neck. It has not earned me anything — and has cost me a lot," the 5,000 metres track pursuit champion said.

Sturgess, aged 21, a former teenage revelation who returned to Britain five years ago from South Africa with his former champion parents, Alan and Ann Sturgess, is one of 20 riders contracted to the Belgian carrents. rental company, ADR, who have found themselves out of

work.
ADR earlier this year started. negotiations to "self" its team to. Paternina, a Spanish domestic appliances manufacturer, but the deal fell through and Sturgess and his colleagues were, stold after a recent training session by the team manage to keep you together, but there is nothing else lined up."

Last night Sturgess wis attemption to contact team. attempting to contact team managers in Italy and the United States in the hope of

being offered a team place.

I want to race and I want to defend my title in Japan this summer," he said. "But to do it," and to have even a chance of a medal, I need a sponsor. With

could afford to get to the start-Sturgess is desperate to get, back to Continental racing but the only offers he has had for the rest of this month would be unpaid. The British-style city

centre events are not, he beionship,

## the scholars A scholarship for British racing

drivers was launched yesterday at the Donington Park circuit, near Derby (a Special Cones pondent writes). Known as The Donington Scholarship, it will teach two young drivers each year the essential skills of mod-

Burt, from Tamworth, and Robert Hall, from Lincolnshire, will receive intensive training in marketing and sponsorship strategy, team management and engineering skills. The scheme will be funded by a lottery at the cach Domington magnitude. each Donington meeting.
Burt and Hall are to challenge

# SPORTS LETTERS

# oppression

From Dr Oscar E. Peterson Sir. It was with extreme remorse that I watched over the past weeks the totally inhumane disregard for human life and moral principles exhibited by Mike Gatting and his motley crew of cricketers, as they, in my opinion, blatantly disregarded the issue of oppression and despotism which the black peoples of South Africa have been so desperately struggling to

In their apparent quest for monetary return, or whatever their tour brings them, these men set an irrefutable milestone as so-called sportsmen by aiding the spectre of apartheid in committing its acts of violence

and murder.

I say murder considering the fact that it was a rally in protest of their very tour during which black South Africans died. Perhaps Mr Gatting and his fellow sportsmen are now pleased that they have made a contribution

OSCAR E. PETERSON, 2421 Hammond Road, Mississauga, Ontario, Čanada.

## Open play reward

From Mr J. Jowers
Sir, I much enjoyed correspondent's reports from Lahore on the World Hockey Cup, especially as I saw only one match. Spain v Ireland, on Spanish television. On repeated occasions the Spanish com-mentator urged his team to get into the opponent's circle in order "to provoke" a penalty corner (stroke?) from which the Sapniards would surely score!

These days, perhaps 70 per cent of goals come from pen-alties, whereas in my playing days (Leicestershire and Rhine Army) some 90 per cent came from open play.

If the game is not to be spoiled both for players and spectators, hockey should take a lesson from basketball, where a score from open play is worth double JOE JOWERS

### Simón Verde 1055. San Juan de Aznalfarache, Seville, Spain.

Northern flights

From Mr Derek Radford Sir, Peter Ball makes a common mistake in describing Carlisle United (54°54'N) as the most northerly club in the Football League (March 1). Both New-castle United (54°59'N) and Sunderland (54°55'N) are further north.

The error no doubt arises from Carlisle's close proximity to the Scottish border. Yours faithfully, DEREK RADFORD, 7 Yeomans Avenue, Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

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# Disregard for Blame for Glasgow blunders No England team has been better prepared

Sir. Certain features of the

plaint of Pierre Dasriaux, sec-retary of the European Athletic dealing with the computer sys-tem. I should think there was, since the system concerned was imposed by the EAA (through their contract with IBM), to introduce an unfamiliar sys-tem into such a complex event. A second complaint con-cerned the clash of a victory ceremony with the start of a race. This, alas, is an all too familiar aspect of major inter-national championships. The sensible scheduling of ceremo-nials is a cause I have been

pursuing (with lamentable lack of success) for 30 years. Meeting directors have to take orders from "on high", and the needs of athletes and spectators fre-

Open-ended plans From Mr John C. Phillips
Sir. If ever there was an indication of how sporting Britain is being left behind as the 21st century approaches, it was the report (February 27) about the plans for a new participal of a plans for a new national sta-dium for Coventry.

Not a word in it suggested that any thought should be given to an all-weather covered stadium. A national stadium for the 21st century should permit 100,000 seated spectators the opportunity to watch football and rugby internationals in safety and

# Firm hand needed From Mr David Burton

Sir. There has been much controversy over the goal in the recent Nottingham Forest v Manchester City match (report, March 5), hinging on whether a goalkeeper has control of the ball while holding it in only one

The FA's guide to the Laws is not explicit on this matter. Consider, however, the case of a goalkeeper who picks up the ball with one hand and then pro-ceeds to take 10 steps before releasing the ball into play: I believe any referee would penalise him under the four-step rule, and any player would

## Setting an example From the Headmaster of

Stowmarket High School Sir. Watching international rugby on television last Sat-urday I observed a modicum of blood, choler and black bile. One noteworthy humour visible was, however, phlegm. After moments of triumph or confrontation players could be seen summoning their resources seen summoning their resources
and then spining. Similar Onehouse Road,
behaviour is regularly demStowmarket, Suffolk.

place. I recall the furore when a organisational muddle at the medal ceremony was started just European indoor athletics championships in Glasgow (re-port, March 6) need further as Sergei Bubka was about to attempt a world pole vault record at the world championenlargement. ships in Rome, but that incident David Powell quotes the comhas apparently been forgotten. Other problems at Glasgow included the incorrect result in

Association (EAA), that there was a lack of experience in whereas the British officials have grown accustomed to a

provided by Unisys over the last few years. It is asking for trouble

(President, Association of Track and Field Statisticians), 94 Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. comfort; games that can go ahead whatever the weather. To suggest that a reconditioned Wembley might do is surely the clasic example of small mind-

If a relatively small centre like Vancouver, Canada, can op-erate an all-weather covered stadium, surely the Football Association should give the idea serious consideration. Or is it to be Wembley for yet another 80 years? JOHN C PHILLIPS,

St Buryan, Penzance, Cornwall.

accept this as a correct decision. Clearly in this instance, a goal-keeper holding the ball in just one hand does have control of Unfortunately, Rodger Gifford, the referee, was required to make an immediate decision in a unique set of circumstances. I feel that de-cision was wrong. To prevent any further confusion, and in the interest of consistent referee ing, the game's lawmaking body must surely amend the laws immediately to clarify the

Yours faithfully D. BURTON. 5 Voce Court, Worksop, Nottinghamshire.

onstrated in soccer matches and even at the Wimbledon tennis tournament when it is again used in a hostile, dismissive way rather than to clear the throat. Young people are apt to copy such habits, which should be stopped — phlegmatic national characteristics being preferable to demonstrative ones. Yours faithfully, R. J. MONTGOMERY

# From Mr Nicholas Usher NICHOLAS USHER, against a moderate South Af- to historians

Sir, The majority of people seem to be in a state of shock at England actually beating the West Indies in a Test match. However, the achievement in itself is probably not so surprising. It has been a popular conception for some time that England are the "no-hopers" of Test cricket.

This is certainly not a vastly incorrect statement in view of recent performances. However, no touring side has ever been better prepared or motivated than the current one, which was clearly in evidence as England completely outplayed a team considered to be far superior. England's victory is a clear contradiction of those who have suggested that there is not enough talent in English cricket to achieve such results.

I don't think this has ever been the case but it has been the way in which this talent has been applied that has let the side down. Graham Gooch and the rest of the England management at last seem to have been able to hannel this talent into producing results which some have doubted would ever come. Yours faithfully,

## Satellite cricket From Mr J. W. Puleston

Sir, I have always enjoyed listening to BBC cricket broadcasts and watching their tele-vision presentation of the game. To use a well worn football cliche, Tim Rice (February 28) appears to be over the moon regarding the Sky Television presentation of the Test match from Jamaica. May I, in reply, say that, being "dishless", I have seen only the highlights on BBC and that I am as sick as a parrot. Tony Greig, according to Tim Rice, gets star billing. To me, be sounds like a Dervish who has sat on a hornets' nest, while Geoffrey Boycott is as flat and unimeresting as a pint of York-shire bitter which was pulled about a year ago — just like a lot

of his batting. Apparently, I am spared the boring monotony of advert-isments and their repeats. If Tim Rice is correct in his forecast regarding the future of the BBC then, on this evidence, Heaven help us! I am certainly not a member of the moaning arts lobby but in this context am quite content to be labelled a Yours faithfully,

## Men v women

From Mr D. E. Montague Sir. After the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, Andy Grünenfelder came back to Europe with a bronze medal for 50km cross-country skiing, and competed in the Engadine Ski Marathon, along a 42km course past St Moritz. He won in the very good time of Ihr 35min 55sec (more than 30 minutes faster than the best mark for a marathon on foot). However, it was a close run thing. At 12km Christine Gilli-

Brugger was leading the field of over 11,000 skiers, and at the

# Gibbs House, Lancing College, From Sir Anthony Grant, MP for

Cambridgeshire South West (Conservative) Sir, For too long we have been depressed by the weight of reports of "the invincible West Indies cricket team", the "awesome power of Mike Tyson' and the superior "commitment" of French and Welsh rugby.

In the space of a few weeks all these idols have revealed feet of clay - and a good thing too, Excessive hero-worship is unhealthy anywhere - even in Sport\_ Yours faithfully, ANTHONY GRANT,

House of Commons, SW1. From Mr Michael Meyer Sir, Amid the congratulations that have been handed out for our triumph in Jamaica, why has no mention been made of the man more than anyone responsible for England's cricket renaissance? I refer of course to Dr Ali Bacher. But for him, our "attack" at Sabina Park would very possibly have comprised

## Dilley, Foster, Jarvis and Emburey, and we all know how penetrative they have proved J. W. PULESTON,

142 North Lane, Aldershot, Hampshire.

From Mr Donald Knutton

Sir, How much I agree with Tim Rice's excellent article. Rice's excellent article.

I too enjoyed Tony Greig's lively commentary, and I thought Geoffrey Boycott's contribution was masterly. I was also pleased that the old BBC television commentators' habit of the long silences has not infected Sky, although I noticed that Tony Lewis slipped back occasionally. Still, old habits die hard. I well remember in the days of the late Jim Laker — the days of the late Jim Laker — the biggest offender — rushing to check the television set to see if

However, I do have one criticism, and this also applies to the BBC. When reporting field placings and changes, why cannot the commentators say who is in the various positions and who is being moved instead of the usual "... he has a 'man' on the boundary" and "gully has moved up". Let us hear who they are. We cannot recognise them in the long shots, and the commentators should be able to see and tell us.

### Anyway, as the fisherman complained, it's only a minor finish she was only 2min 16sec behind Grünenfelder, in front of

over 9,500 men. In other words, her time exceeded Grünenfelder's by 1.02 per cent. If Ingrid Kristiansen had not given up cross-country skiing - she was once a Norwegian international - would she now be beating the best men in the world, instead of finishing in times more than 10 per cent greater than the marathon men?

Yours, DON MONTAGUE, Moreton Farm House Moreton, Thame, Oxfordshire.

# rican batting side. Ring out the old, ring in the new.

Yours etc., MICHAEL MEYER, 4 Montagu Square, W1. From Mr David Buirski Sir, England's victory at Sabina Park could be considered as

rank could be considered as unlikely as Ireland's win over the West Indies on the Herdman's Ground at Sion Mills back in 1969.

Yet the seeds of England's win, and the realisation that the West Indies are not invincible may have been planted last summer on the same ground on summer on the same ground on the banks of the River Mourne in County Tyrone. Then, in a twentieth anniversary rematch, Graham Gooch led the Irish included Allan Lamb and Robin Smith, to a superb victory over Clive Lloyd's XI with Desmond Haynes and Malcolm Marshall,

Could the luck of the Irish have rubbed off on to the English? Yours faithfully, DAVID BUIRSKI, Holly House, I Old Barn Lane, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

carp, and did not detract from a very enjoyable viewing exper-ience. DONALD KNUTTON. Lawn Heads Avenue,

Littleover, Derby.

From Dr Valerie Goldberg Sir, My experience of the current transmissions from Sky has been limited to a few daily clips and the highlights shown on BBC each evening but I have already noticed several features which I disliked when I watched transmissions from the Packer World Series. These are the amount of commentary - far too much to accompany pictures; the tone of the commentary, often verging on the hysterical; and the gimmickry such as the duck, and the overuse of slow motion action replays which interrupts the flow of the play.

It may very well be true that more cricket will be screened worldwide — though it is doubtful how many people will be willing or able to watch exten-sive chunks of ball-by-ball com-mentary (particularly if "their" team is not involved), but this will be at the expense of current viewers in the UK.

There was already a lot of cricket on BBC and independent television, though one might not have realised this from reading Mr Rice's article. This included full (and uninterrupted) coverage on BBC of virtually the whole of Test series in England. This summer, viewers in Britain will have to subscribe to a satellite service if they want to follow one of the one-day competitions, the Ben-son and Hedges Cup, which was formerly carried on BBC as part of the service. Yours faithfulk

VALERIE GOLDBERG, 6 Hollycroft Avenue, Wembley, Middle

# Oxford's call

From Sir Roger Bannister Sir, John Goodbody's article on Oxford sport (March 2) referred to the Norwich Union Varsity Games held over the weekend—
Oxbridge's mini-Olympics.
With over 800 competitors across 13 sports, it was a highly successful event in our increasingly active sports calendar. Indeed, such has been the growth in Oxford sport that we now have 74 clubs with over 2,000 members, ranging from aikido to volleyball. This is in addition to the activities ar-

ranged at college level. All this will no doubt provide a feast for Oxford's sporting historians and statisticians. As we enter the 1990s my col-leagues and I are keen to put together a comprehensive record of Oxford University sport this century. At this stage, we are concentrating on compil-ing the team lists for the Varsity matches against the old enemy. Our records for rugby, rowing and cricket are good, but for the other sports they are patchy. I should be very grateful for any information about the make-up of teams, lists of Blues and

Yours faithfully ROGER BANNISTER Master's Lodgings, Pembroke College, Oxford

## What's in a name? From Professor H. H. Huxley Sir, Having watched the Honey-ghan v Breland fight on tele-vision and read Srikumar Sen's excellent analysis (March 5), I observed with a wry smile the legend RAGGAMUFFIN adorning the loser's trunks.

My pedantic mind noted first the innovative spelling, then moved into a higher gear in which memories of Henry the Fourth - Part One were actively Turning to Act V, Scene III, I ondered Falstaff's cheerless

they are pepper'd; there's not three of my hundred and fifty left alive, and they are for the town's end, to beg during life." My commiscrations, Lloyd, but you might have chosen a less inauspicious moniker! HERBERT H. HUXLEY.

12 Derwent Close,

"I have led my ragamuffins where

With bated breath From Mr Geoffrey N. Silman Sir, In view of the success of Mr Murdoch's Sky Television in obtaining exclusive rights to the live showing of the two greatest sporting upsets of the century (Douglas beating Tyson and England beating West Indies) I await with bated breath their next David versus Goliath connext David versus Goliath contest so that I may put my house

on the underdog.
Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY N. SILMAN, 3/4 The Village, North End Way, NW3.

# **MOTOR RACING Burt and Hall**

out of the cockpit.

The 1990 scholars, Kelvin

for the televised 1990 Formu Vauxhall Lotus championship

2.00 Popeswood. 2.30 The Leggett.

3.00 White River.

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# Snowy Bondlair can regain winning thread By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) Snewy Bondlair, with Pat horse a crucial advantage, Earlier in the afternoon, his stable companion, Rifth and the saddle armeals especially in a tight handicap stable companion, Rifth looks

brother, John's Birthday who

was, as his name suggests,

In this instance, though,

sentimentality may well have

to play second fiddle because

Sooner Still boasts the better

EBF Novices' Hurdle Quali-

was eventually pulled up, he

as a sound her to win the like today's. Pragnell Trophy at Stratford today and he is my nap.

Last. season the same combination won five similar

handicans over two miles and that after Snowy Bondlair had not won a race for five years. The handicapper was obvi-

ously going to make life more foaled on the same date on difficult for him this term but which that great Corinthian the way that he performed on John Thorne was born. his belated seasonal debut at Kempton 12 days ago hinted that he was ready to take up the challenge.

On that occasion, again nidden by Verling, he chased The A Train all the way to the can continue on a victorious line before going down by a length to an in-form horse, who was on a treble having fier. But for making an appallalready scored at Kempton ing mistake at Ascot, where he

What I particularly like might well be unbeaten this about Snowy Bondlair is the season. He had looked a most fact that he has had only one promising individual when race at a stage of the season winning his other races at when freshness can give a Towcester and Chepstow. Crank bows out after

stable companion, Fifth Amendment (4.0) looks another likely winner for Mrs On the day when the John and Nigel Thorne Memorial Pitman at Wincanton, where he won before being out-classed by the Cheltenham hopes, Riverhead and Bitter Cup is run, there would be no more appropriate winner of the Alveston Novices' Chase than Spartan Missile's half-Buck, at Sandown.

On the corresponding occasion last year, Richard Dunwoody won the Seavington Handicap Hurdle for Bill Wightman on Popeswood. Now it should pay to follow the same combination again since Popeswood blatantly found Newbury's extended three miles too far last

Jenny Pitman's fine season Friday. Before that he had been a creditable third over this shorter trip at Kempton benote with Do Be Brief in the hind Tyred N'Snookerd. whom he will be meeting on 7lb better terms.

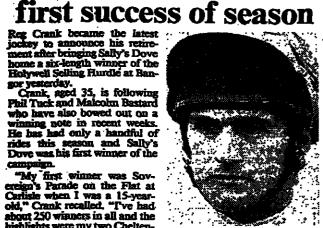
> Blinkered first time SCUTHFIEL: 2.10 Cabble's Boy, Honours Graduate, London Louise; 3.10 Lunding; 4.10 Excellabil; 4.40 Tajika.

## Larkhill winner can surprise

Wellington Brown, who re-corded a fast time when winning corded a fast time when winning at Larkhill recently, could spring a surprise in the Sothebys Hunter Chase at Wincanton today (Brian Beel writes).

Finige Delight, a winner at Mollington last Saturday following a courageous run behind Whitsunday, is preferred to Clouroche Gazette in the John and Nigel Thorne Memorial Cup at Stratford.

Whitcombe plans Peter Bolton, owner of Whit-combe Manor, will make a statement about the future of the Dorset training complex at Sandown Park on Saturday, Reg. Akehurst, the latest trainer to be linked with Whitcombe Manor, the Esher course the same day.



"My first winner was Soverian's Parade on the Flat at Carlisle when I was a 15-year-old," Crank recalled. "Twe had about 250 winners in all and the highlights were my two Cheltenham winners, Cross Master and Roaring Wind." Reg Crank: finished riding

# SOUTHWELL

Selections By Mandarin

2.10 Ashwaq. 2.40 Hercle, 3.10 Jovial Kate, 3.40 Magic Ana. 4.10 Love Legend, 4.40 Masked Ball.

Going: standard Brown 8f-7f, low numbers best

2.10 TUXFORD MAIDEN STAKES (22,616: 1m) (15

8-4. Asteward, 4-1 Thebet, 8-1 Finest, Honey Mill, 9-1 Blue Disc, 18-1 London Louise, Girl Georgie, 14-1 others. 2.40 NORMANTON HANDICAP (£2,637: 7f) (16) 1 111- NEW MEXICO 118 (D.BF,F,Q,S) D Mortey 6-9-13

8 994 CETONO 19 (F) P Calver 4-8-10...... 9 3899 DAMANT 19 (V,F,S) M Naschton 6-8-4 10 844 SCOTCH MRP 14 (B,D,F,B,S) D Chapm

-35 GEARD PARTY 16 J Bradey 5-8-1 \_\_\_\_\_ M Admet 16 J Bradey 5-8-1 \_\_\_\_ M Admet 16 J Bradey 5-8-1 \_\_\_ M Fty 2 J Bradey 5-8-1 \_\_\_ M Fty 2 J Bradey 5-8-1 \_\_\_ M Fty 2 J Bradey 6-9 PARCEOUS BALLERINA 146 J Halberton 5-7-9 ' J Quian 16

Course specialists TRAMERS: E Eldin, S winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; T Serron, 20 from 52, 39,5%; J Duniop, 7 from 28, 25,0%; C Tinider, 4 from 28, 15,4%; C Allen, 3 from 20, 15,0%; A Balley, 3 from 20, 15,0%. JOCKEYE: Alex Greenes. 20 winsers from 40 rides, 50.0%; S Peris, 7 from 40, 17.5%; P.Waleh, 3 from 22, 13.6%; S Wood, 8 from 88, 12.1%; T Calco, 4 from 35, 11.4%; S Maloney, 5 from 48, 18.6%.

# 3.10 RUFFORD MAIDEN APPRENTICE STAKES

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11 8-4 ANTIQUE ANDY 7 D Murray Smith 3-8-6. A Manne 14 12 -000 ATTROQUE 23 M Marphy 3-8-6. S. Middony 15 13 -05 KERRY BOY 28 M Townskins 3-8-6. S. Middony 15 14 2322 JONIAL KATE 16 (BP) M Linhar 3-9-1. M Marphy 11 15 -222 LIMKNING 14 (N) W Hagings-Bana 3-9-1 Date Shoon 7 15 000- MUSCAL MY 289 J Boxley 3-6-1. R Parkam 4 13-8 Lucking, 2-1 Joulai Kets 0-2 Kerns

13-8 Lucking, 2-1 Joviel Kate, 9-2 Kerry Boy, 10-1 How's Father, Air Welligethet, 16-1 others. 3.40 SKEGBY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,448: 60 (9)

11-8 Magic Ana. 15-8 Agres Huit, 7-2 Swing North, 1 Psycho Sonny, 16-1 others.

4.10 OSSINGTON HANDICAP (£2,406: 6f) (6) Q Date 2 01-1 LOVE LEGEND 12 (R.D.F.G) D Actualmot 5-9-7 A Procts
3 1312 SOLOMON'S SONG 5 (CD,F,S) M Johaston 4-9-6 4 1916 THE SHANAHAN BAY 12 (B,CD,BF,F) E Bon 5-8-11 5 -824 SHALL PEE 5 (8) M British: 5-8-4...... S Malonay (5) 2 6 (00) - ELOFAHABIT 121 (ELF) L Burratt 4-7-9...... N Advers 6

8.40 MILTON HANDICAP (E2,427: 1m 4f) (10)

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10 000/ KAMAROCK 1155J (V) C Spares 8-7-7., 5 Drouse (7) B

# Bangor results

Geling: good

2.8 (2m et ch) 1. THEELY STAR (B de limm, 10-11 law: Polyante Handicapper's tep milegi; 2. Asterna Sport (7 Mcryon, 12-1); 3. Smiley (M Brannen, 7-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 11-2 Polar Vision, 7-1); 3. Smiley (M Brannen, 7-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 11-2 Polar Vision, 7-1); 3. Smiley (M Brannen, 7-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 11-2 Polar Vision, 7-1); 3. Smiley (M Brannen, 7-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 12-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 12-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), 12-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), 12-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), 12-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), 12-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), 12-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), 13-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), 13-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), 13-2 fav), ALSO (2m hds), 13-2 fav), ALSO (2m h

212.28 (2m trial) 1, SALLYS DOVE (R. Crank, 11-4 tard; 2, Highland Laird (R. Powell, 25-1); 3, Aldington Prince (R. Belleny, 20-1); ALSO RAV: 100-30 Big Chief (Bit), 6 Portaneccho Bella, 10 Carlbonn Connoton (8th), 11 Carlyin (8th), 18 Cracker 101-7, Pocket, Jammer, 20 Anbelt (Bit), Wilai Singer (R. Meine Vonne Lady, Stepons (pt.), 33 Captain May, Whycrose (Pt.), Mertin Meds, Stepots (Dr. Target, Sophuma, Tarabog, 19 ran. 6, 5, 11, 7; nt. 8 Price at Lassementer, Tose: 24-10; 21-30, 22-40, 27-50, DF: 226-50, CSF: 206-33, Winner sold for 7,250 pts to P Anderson.

3.0 (2m 47ch) 1, GROCK-NA-NEE (J Os-Winner and for 7.280gns to P Anderson.
3.0(2m 4fcb) f. CROCK-NA-NEE (J Osborna, 9-2; 2, (audience (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 3. Carm Membrati (J Frost, 5-1).
ALSO RANC 2 few Membrati (J, 17-2 Fingest (J), 14 Allon's Boy (49), 25 Wingsburn (501), 16 Ferministration (4r), 8 few. 6, 8, 3, 4. 0 Sharwood at Upper Landbooms. Totes: 25.70; 21.80, 21.10, 22.00. DF: 28.10. CSF: 23.406, 17.0mm; 2002.79.
3.30 (few. sharwood 2002.79.

3.30 (On ch) 1, MOSICT SAFE (Mr A Grif-sth, 9-1); 2, Then hall (Mr M Hammond, 25-1); 3, Anders Tays (Mr J Cambidge, 16-1). ALSO RANE 7-4 (see Tripped Marin (eth), 5-2 (On Willy (pd), 7-2 Anigh (pu), 14 General 50 (ur), 7 ran. NC: Marina Reef, 5, 254, 254 Mrs. J Griffith at Denbyle, Togs: 28.00, 12.50, 10.50, DP, 253, Bh. CSP, E133.69. 4.0 (2m hole) 1, WEL SHMAR (O Gallag-her, 14-1); 2. Styler (P Scudemore, 4-9 fey); 3, Hebre Scot (C Hewlans, 11-9). ALSO RAN: 20 Just Susanna (f), 33 Billisha (40), 65 Accessoftomchurch, 100 Di-atmond Boy (pu), lovwerth (f), Bella Celfia (pu), Brids For A Day (8th), Dane Rose (pu), The Only Way Out (Sin), 12 ren. NR:

<u>0898 168+</u> SOUTHWILL TOTEFORM RACEVEW WILLIAM HILL LEEDS EST BLB Indian Uprising, 121, 101, 101, dist, hd. M Blanchard et Lumbourn. Tota: 210.70; 21.60, 21.10, 21.50. DF: 25.50. CSF: 21.9.74.

Catterick Bridge

Golog: good to firm

2,15 (3m 1f 30)yd ch) 1, COMEDY ROAD

(B Dowling, 6-1); 2, Deep Cilli (R Supple,
10-1); 3, John North (Mr S Swiers, 25-1).

ALSO RANK 9-4 fav Speech (Shi), 3 Dubalea (Sin), 8 into The Mystic, 12 Wretin
Melody (4th), 14 Temple Tuchy (pu), 18
Paim Lad (pu), 20 Laiso Valentina, 33
Random Werrior (po), 100 Black Thomprives (P), Oeldands Grey, 13 ran, NP:
Valentin, Murphy's Choice, Ten Of Cuba.
31, 14, 21, 28, R. Lea at Pressingen. Toke:
24, 50; 27, 70; 25, 50, 25, 20, DF: 244, 40.

GSF: 200,75.

245 (2m hdis) 1, LAST 'O' THE BLINCH (1 Callaghen, 10-11 tav); 2, Gregolby (R Garrity, 11-4; 3, Noble Relder (M Dayler, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 100 Brownside Brig (4m), Caloden (5th), 5 rats, 14, 500, 6, 251 E Weymas at Leyburn, Toler: £1.50; £1.50, £2.20, DF: £2.50, CSP: £3.42 2.20, DF: 22.60, CSF: 23.42
3.15 (2m 1f 80 yd ch) 1, THE WILK (C Grant, 6-1); 2, Wilty Benk (L Wyer, 8-4 key); 3, Black Spar (B Storey, 4-1), ALSO RAN: 5 Tartan Tradement (Sth), 6 Raisebillion (80), 20 Green Gorsa, Pischan (8th), 50 Monanore (pu), Karnal Siddigi (pu), 9 rm. 11, 64, 44, 30. W A Stepheneon at Bishop Aucktand, Toke 52.20; 22.10, 21.30, 21.60, DF: 27.90, CSF: 21.521, Tricast 242.80.

CSF: £15.21. Triceast: £42.80.
3.46 (2m bdie) 1, ESTONEA (M HEL, 3-1 jttwi; 2, Disensending (S Richardson, 33-1);
3, Floel Paryler (C Ryen, 4-1). ALSO RAN:
3)-ber Full Of Port (4th), 7-2 Tarmon Less
(ur). 12 Home Smeight, 16 Emergride
Prince, 25 Intropic World (5th), 33 Starlight
Volunder (6th), 50 Ledy (tredije, 10 ran, 12),
45 and 45 to 17 things at Markon. Tota. CSP: P.73.87. Bought in 4,000gms.
4.16 (9m 11 ch) 1, OLD MCR (9hr N F Smith, 7-2); 2, Straight Plint (hir S Smith, 2-1 tork) 3, Ristorally Automan (hir A Ferroll, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Patronsheim (0, 11 Dation Dendy (0), 18 Cannon Lad (44h), 26 Patronshi (5th), 40 Made For Lile (pu), 100 Cross Crossett (bd, Young Murphy (partied out), Sister Sam (bd), 11 ran, 30, 8, det, 8), Mrs H 9el at Northallerton, Total PJ-30; 12-10, 51,40, 22-90. DF: 55.40. CSF: 19.95.
4.64 (2m hdbs) 1, ARCTIC SECVI. KENT (M.

CST: 29.95.

4.45 (2m hdbs) 1, ARCTIC SECYLIGHT (N Doughtly, 74- first; 2, Spartona (C Ryen, 11-2); 3, The Egg Barner (J Dugger, 7-2).

ALSD RAK: 5-2 Foggy Scokh (4th), 25 Paddys Oyster (pu), Gueintesy Gri (f), Shirtey Arm (pu), 7 ran, 3, 20, 4, G Richerts at Grayesona, Toke 29.95; 20, D. 22.80, Dr: 27.20, CSF; 21.08.

5.15 (2m Sed) 1, NR WOODCOCK (R Hodge, 3-1 first; 2, Shakele HB (Nr G Morrow, 10-1); 3, Caver With Haria (A

Cheriton, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Heppyces, 7 Defendy, 8 Mister Gebo, Best Emperor, Werssleydelewiffern (5th), 10 Selgooly (4th), 20 Bengal Way, Pricey (8th), 25 Strong Calling, Belleyentawe, 33 Estenbolme (xu), Translated Valour, 50 Langton Mast, 100 Meigle Street, 17 nat. NR: Ring Boo. 11, 31, 31, 101, 2, Mrs G Reveloy at Matton. Tota: 53.40; 52.10, 52.10, 517.80. DF: 536.70. CSF: 236.39.

Southwell

2.10 (2m 21 hcle) 1. GALMEX LADY (J. Lower, 5-4 fav); 2. Bellin Gorgeons (S. McGiff, 5-1; 3, Birminghant's Pride (Gary Lyons, 10-1). ALSO (RAN: 4, Just Greet (Sth), 5 Vallart Dash (sth), 7 Corvailine (Sth), 50 Royal Tell (pu), 7 ren. 10t, nk; 34, disk M Pipe at Wellington. Toke: 23.10; 21.20, 22.70. DF: 24.20. CSP: 22.30. 2.46 (20.4 Inche) 1, VALLANT BOY (Gay)
1,466 (20.4 Inche) 1, VALLANT BOY (Gay)
1,400 (2.5 fay); 2, Redchemics (Pater
Caldwell, 7-1); 3, Warriers Code (G Bradley, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 5-2 Hopping Arcund (40); 4 ran. 19, 20, dist. 5
Kedlewell at Middisham, Tota: 21.20, DF:
22.50, CSF: 24.13. 22.50. CSF: 24.13.
3.10 (2m & hde) 1, LANGHOVE (B. McGiff, 9-1); 2, Wavenfoy Boy (J.) Culm, 9-4 tav); 3, Larry Leadle (Diama Clay, 4-1). ALSO (RAN: 9-2 Prairie Agent (pu), 7 Northern Fulser (Bu), 8 Feeling Rossey (Sth), 10 Straight Down, pu), 11 Gan On Lad (4th), 14 Chantilly Down, 16 Golden Azelle, 35 Majestic Masis, Charlotto's Gift. 12 ran. NFt: Miss Magic, 154, 253, 44, 57, 20, Mrs. V Aconige or Majicon. Totac £13.50; 24.40, 21.90, 21.60. DF: 221.50. CSF: 232.42. Tricast: £94.65. CSF: 232.42. Tricest: 194.65.
3.40 (2m Indie) 1, MENTAB (R Mortey, 6-1): 2, Burdene Progresse (B McGift, 8-1): 3, Ampain Kles (F Murtagit, 10-1). ALSO RANE 2 fav Bariey Mow (Sith). 5-2 Hopes. 9-2 Bar Fly (Ath). Glemmers Prince, 20 Tourny Arr. 35 Prix Du Nord (Brit). Tell's Tourne. 10 ran. 2, T. 2, 2, 3, 1 Mrs P Sly et al. (10 Mrs. 2). T. 2, 3, 3, 1 Mrs. P Sly et al. (10 Mrs. 2). T. 2, 3, 3, 1 Mrs. P Sly et al. (10 Mrs. 2). 1, 2, 3, 3, 1 Mrs. P Sly et al. (10 Mrs. 2). 1, 2, 3, 3, 1 Mrs. P Sly et al. (10 Mrs. 2). 1 Mrs. P Sl 4.10 (2m hdle) 1, REHEARSING (D Skyrme, 4-1); 2, Capitals Mannering (S Turner, 6-1); 3, Tilstone Lodge (Pater Caldwell, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav

4.40 (2m hdie) 1, DAWN PRINCE (J. Lower, 7-2; 2, Rickeston Led (D Rots, 7-2; ALSO RAN: 8-13 fav Ballydurrow (f), 12 City Index (bd), 4 ran, Mc, M. Pipe at Westington, Tota: £3.40, OF: £8.00, CSF: £13.77. · Lord Vestey is to become chairman of Cheltenham Race-course at the end of the current season. He will take over from Miles Gosling, who has been appointed chairman of Race-

course Holdings Trust in succes-sion to John Henderson, who

Calcived, 12-1). ALSO HAVE On HER BARRISH Wish (4th), 8 Deep Wister Bay (5th), 9 Visual Star, 10 Liber Time, 12 Youthful Ph. 14 Pullover, 16 Mr Strider, 25 Glarist Castle (6th), 53 Glit Youther. 12 ISD. 71, 151, 151, 11, 151, MSS K George & Delegant Eleberryuch Tratts (FBS. 21, 70 September 15 Eleberryuch Tratts (FBS. 21, 70 September Princes Risborough, Total 25.50; 21.70 21.50, 24.30, DF: 258.20, CSF: 258.27

> 1983: OUTLAW 10-10-9 T Morgan (5-1) J Edwards 8 run Course specialists

WINCANTON

Selections By Mandarin

3.30 Crammer. 4.00 Fifth Amendment. 4.30 Duke's Whistle.

By Michael Seely 4.00 FIFTH AMENDMENT (nap), 5.00 Va Lute. Brian Beel's selection: 3.30 Wellington Brown.

Going: good to firm 2.0 SEAVINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (22,127: 2m 6f) (15 runners) 2.0 SEAVINGTON HANDICAP PRINDLE (22,127; 2m 6f) (15 runner):

1 \$33-93 SMARTIE EXPRESS 65 (7.3) (5 Normer): R Hodges 6-11-11 ...

2 114-91 TYRED HYBNOCKERD 18 (8,46) (1 Whitely P Hodges 6-11-11 ...

3 224492 SELITARY BARD 39 (9,3) (7 Lones) Mrs. J Reter 12-11-1 ...

4 10-939 POPESWOOD 6 (CD,6) (N Hackins): W Wighton 7-11-0 ...

5 15PTUS LAPAFTE 12 (D,F,6) (R Addi): R Hodges 6-10-7 ...

9 3961-96 ARREYDONE 7 (0,8) (8 Powell 9 Brandt 8-10-7 ...

9 09630 MICHITY FALCONS (8,35) (R Tory): D Elsevorth 5-10-5 ...

8 2005/2-4 MINAMAC 13 (D,G,8): (R Proof): R Proof 8-10-3 ...

9 P-SPPTU ARRETOS 6 (3) (A.J. 8: R.G. Barber Lid.): Old 6-10-8 ...

10 45-9693 COPPER STREAK 28 (8,6,8): (Lond Cadogan): T Forster 6-10-8 ...

11 63/9055- PYLEIGH COURT 385 (F): (Alts: M Bradley): N Geselve; 8-10-0 ...

12 920 MARRIEES 21 (Y): () Willis): M Mindowick 6-10-0 ...

13 198030. TROJAM SONIG 23 (F,6): (Excrete of into Mr F Gorzson): R Frost 8-10-0 ...

14 6-96550 GRAFTON MARREY 3 (D,6): (A Misson): A Misson): R Frost 8-10-0 ... i Richards . O Powell D Tagg Breakey J (Trook 

Long handlesp: Pjetgh Court 9-10, Harnett 9-10, Trojan Song 9-7, Grefton Milesy 9-4, Mr Lion 8-1.
BETTMB: 7-2 Aristos, 9-2 Tyred M'Smookerd, 6-1 Military Band, Mizamec, 7-1 Mighty Felcon, 8-1
passwood, 16-1 Lapindia, 12-1 Copper Street, 14-1 others.
1999: POPESWOOD 6-10-10 R Demecody (9-4 tar) W Wightman 16 ran FORM FOCUS SMARTHE EXPRESS
at Chelenham (2m, good to firm).

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This at Kengton (2m et, good), POPESHOOD (7b better off) to at and MERAMAC (7b better off) at the out off of paraditimals start.

COPPER STREAK one-paced 10% 3rd to Sir Crusty to conditional joidays' event at Sandown (2m 5f 75/d, good to soil) with TYRED MYSMOOKEND betweek (2m 5f, soil), MEMITY FALCON disappoint.

Selection: ARMSTOR

2.30 STEWART TORY MEMORIAL TROPHY (Handicap chase: amateurs: £2,978: 2m

Long bundlesp: Listary Lad 9-11, The Fruit 9-2.

BETTING: 7-4 The Loggett, 7-2 Terrécres, 9-2 Kittinger, 6-1 Fermise Boy, 7-4 Listary Lad, 10-1 Green Warble, 14-1 Others.

1989: SERRAH JAY 9-10-3 A Tory (4-1) N Mitchell 6 res

FORM FOCUS THE LEGGETT completed up hand of hendicap victories at Heydrick (2m, heavy) detecting the factor (2m, good to soft).

Stil 3rd to Just For The Crack at Wolverhampton (2m, 4good).

TEMETORIES best Massive Comedy 2 at Feldenham Astro Radieux 15th previously best Butlets Pet 4 at Stration (2m, good to soft).

FARRILLA BCY at cut to best THE LEGGETT (3b) Jumper on penulishase start at Plannton (2m, soft).

LifeLINT LAD 10: 2nd to Knopsocid Rechens on less completed start at Decon (3m 1t, good to 3m).

Boding Day 1988. LOR MOSS disappointing since

3.0 SPARKFORD NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,814: 2m) (18 runners)

O SPARKFORD NOVICES CLAMMING HURDLE (4-Y-C: £1,514: 2m) (18 runners)

1 3P1112 SLEEPLINE ROYALE 15 (CD,8F,0.5) (Sleepline Holdings) R Holder 12-5. M Menn (5) 88

2 'NS TOP ENTERTABER 17 (I Ferwick-Smith) C Weedon 11-6 Part Hobbs 77

3 OC CHATTERES SSP (D Willis) M Medgeldt 11-4 D Medgeldt (7) PRESCRIC MONEY 49 (P Baylay) W G Turner 11-4 C Dempeny (7) PRESCRIC MONEY 49 (P Baylay) W G Turner 11-4 C Dempeny (7) D PEGABUS HEIGHTS 14 (T Reed) R Hodges 11-4 D Medgeldt (7) PRESCRIC MONEY 28 (Mrs. J Ward) M Robinson 11-4 D J Duggen 81

5 220 ROYAL STING 7 (8) (Mrs. J Ward) M Robinson 11-4 D Medgeldt (7) PRESCRIC MONEY 28 (Mrs. B Taylor) Mrs. J Retjar 11-0 B Powell 9

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2 5062 ARRIAN VIEW 12 (8 Lieuwskyn) B Lieveskyn 10-11 Miles B Lieuwskyn (7) 98

3 201 WHYTE RYPER 7 (0.5) (C Thomas) D Haydh Jones 10-10 P Burnerd (9) 498

5 FO DARMING CLASS 15 (Mrs. C Biszard) P Rodford 10-6 D Micris 91

6 UNIVANITED GIST 173F (6 Levis) D Berons 10-8 D Micris 91

8 PROVIDENCE BEAU 636F (A Ridout) A Ridout 10-6 R Amedit 91

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FORM FOCUS SUBSPLINE SIZVALE
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in novices' handicap at Warvatck (2m, soit); praviously best kirano B Birobeth S in Wolverburghton
claimsr (2m, good to soit) with MARLEGEOUGH
LADY (13th better off) 111 4th.

MEEHA 231 7th to Question Of Degree at Newbury

Selections: ARRAN VIEW

3.30 SOTHEBYS HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,826: 3m 17) (19 runners)

00/PEP- MASTER TREASURE 308 (P Shakaspears) P : 4721/P MEADOW LAD 19 (D Dicey) D Dicey 11-11-7.

1989: ARCHIE'S NEPHEW 8-11-7 Miss J Barrow (53-1) R Be

FORM FOCUS BALITO & winner

Agent in novices' event at Hereford (5m 11, fam) with

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AGENT IN NOVICES (14h better off) tabled off 4th.

CRAIMEER easily defeated Winter Wagtall 2SI in

SIGNAL event at Notingham (5m, soit), HAND OVER

comfortably best Purnago 201 on last completed

start at Sandown (2m, 4f 5byd, soit); previously 1½1

Selection; HAND OVER (seep)

# STRATFORD

Selections By Mandarin

3.45 Clonroche Gazette. 4.15 Do Be Brief. 2.15 Golfer's Sunrise. 4.45 Auk Eve. 3.15 SNOWY BONDLAIR (DSP)

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Butlers Pet. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 GOLFER'S SUNRISE, Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Fudge Delight.

Going: good 2.15 STUDLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,744: 2m) (15 runners)

A Carroll D Byrne Dermott (7) dicege Swift Affair 9-13, Seismic Line 8-12.

METTING: 5-4 Goller's Survise, 3-1 Warm Winter, 4-1 Remnod, 8-1 Jersey Pearl, 14-1 Borufus 1989: STEVERE 4-11-2 C Smith (7-4 fav) F Jordan 14 ran

2.45 ALVESTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,851: 3m 2f) (16 runners) 1 PATPER EARL HANSEL 39 (D.F.S) (C Colgutours) R Woodhouse 9-11-7.
2 3-23103 SOONER STELL 17 (D.BF.F.S) (P M Chill Eng Co Ltd) J Edwards 5-11-7.
3 3PSOFP ARREY BRAVE 37 (L. Jones) J Pictoring 7-11-1.
4 P-39 ALWAYS TALICING 24 (S) (T Parrett) O Shewood 9-11-1.
5 6 HIGH TOSY 3 (P Bowerl N Twiston-Davies 7-11-1.
6 PRESPS- JAPLING 306 (F.G) (Mrs. J Thomas) J Thomas 12-11-1.
7 22 JONES BESTFELAY 22 (BF) (Mrs. M Thomas) N Hendesson 8-11-1. ...... L Wyer 81 ...... T Norgan © 30 ..... D Dennic (7) 62 ...... J Orbone 87 Mrs P Nest (7) 

3.15 PRAGNELL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (F2,921: 2m) (11 numbers) 3 PRACEIVELL, 110-FTH TREAD | 100-FTH TREAD | 100-FTH TREAD | 110-FTH TREAD | 

M. Ferlang N Smith (7) Long transforms Noble Eyra 9-12, Säver Cannon 9-10, Sidvic 9-0, Details Galore 8-12. SETTING: 2-7 Snowy Bondleir, 3-1 How Now, 9-2 Butlets Pet, 11-2 Bee Garden, 8-1 others.

**JOCKEYS** 

Per cent 43.5 28.6 22.1 21.7 20.0 18.8

Guide to our in-line racecard

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4.0 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,290; 2m) (21 runners) i. R Supple ( . M Kase (i) SETTING: 9-4 Fish Amendment, 3-1 Oliveston, 9-2 The Values Cometh, 6-1 Whistie Blower, 8-1 actors Megic, Corry's Caper, 12-1 others.

1989: HAWTHORN HILL LAD 5-11-10 M Pizman (5-5 fav) Mrz J Pizman 18 ran FORM FOCUS PUTH AMENDMENT, 77 winner of simpler event at Lucioseter (2m. good). THE VATHAN COMETH good 6% if the of 18 to Dundme event at Lucioseter (2m. subj on penultimate start when CORRY'S CAPER feet; just over 251 3rd to WHESTLE BLOWER 251 lith to Forcet Sur at Kampton (2m. 51 78yd) latest, is better judged on earlier 25% selection: FIFTH AMENIMENT

L30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,758: 3m 1f) (16 runners) 4.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: \$2,758; 3m 1f) (16 runners)

1 64/23-3 SRASBEYS COPSE 50 (Alias J Horwood Mes J Horwood 11-10-10 T Well 33

2 63/35-6 CROK DE GERIARIE 30 (8,05) (J Shew) Mrs J Phrans 9-10-10 B them 54

3 131-193 DURE'S WASTLE 50 (8,05) (J Shew) Mrs J Phrans 9-10-10 B DURESCOPE

4 63/793 PLEMBH PUOGE 15 (Aira D Gardiner) Mise H Kright 8-10-10 D Durescopy 56

5 659-659 HAPPENNY MINDGE 72 (M Bull) N Aylffe 7-10-10 G Readiny D Morris 65

6 69-659 JUNES ADVOCATE 31 (J Lamminan) A Turnel 8-10-10 D D Morris 65

7 964-969 LITTLE GENERAL 21 (H Robinson) C Weston 7-10-10 D Houd (7) D Houd (7) D HOUR Y CLIM 44 (J Tuck) G Balding 8-10-10 Peter Hobbs 9

9 90-659 DURINAY CLIM 44 (J Tuck) G Balding 8-10-10 R Mecolescop (7) D Houd (7) D HOUR Y CLIM 44 (J Tuck) G Balding 8-10-10 R Mecolescop (7) D Houd (8) S 13 23MAPZ WORDEL 20 (Mrs R Murdoch) Mrs R Maydoch 12-10-10 R Mecolescop (7) B 13 23MAPZ WORDEL 20 (Mrs R Murdoch) Mrs R Maydoch 12-10-10 P Houle (3) 81

14 SPERSZ BARA PEG 21 (8) (D Smith) T Jones 9-10-5 R Peter Caldwell 80

15 PEGGGS WORTSY LIBINIT 41 (R Taglot) C Theting 9-10-5 Peter Caldwell 80

EETTENC 3-1 Dute's Whistis, 4-1 Finguish Fudge, 11-2 Brasseys Copes, 6-1 Crotx De Guerre, 8-1 Jim 1900 R House, 14-7 Bara Peg, Wordel, 15-1 others.

FORBAL FOR 15 STARSSEYS COPSE | soft, Juli BOWGE one-paged 5%) 3rd to Snaska-

FORM FOCUS stransers COPSE porty at Foliastic con-paced 5%1 3rd to Snaska-parny at Foliasticne (Sm. 2, acit) latest. DUKE'S the showed that form over fences when 51 3rd to Mountabor at Lucilow (2m 4f, good to firm) latest. FLEMEN FLEDGE got up best effort over fences when 71 7th to Terten Trix at Leicester (5m, good to

5.0 BROADSTONE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,365; 2m) (24 runners) 

Long headings: Bumptious Boy 9-13, Mount Erebus 9-12, Curragh Cadet 9-12, Truisss 9-11, E2TTM02-5-1 M I Behn, 8-1 Va Lute, 7-1 Sentella Pai, 8-1 Chicopodiet, 9-1 Billin, 10-1 Bumptic 12-1 Lightning Wind, Legal Tine, Five Lamps, 14-1 Four Star Line, 16-1 others.

1986: GARDA'S GOLD 6-9-11 M Jones (13-2) R Dickin 21 ran

FORM FOCUS HOMME D'AFFAIRE post when 12 7th to Star Season at Sandown (2m. scrib) with Kinigra victory 12th, BILLILA 14th and Committee Exercise 19th of 20.

VA LUTE respectable 7th of 17 to Gamon at Warwick (2m. soft) lest time; earlier best Sharling Sharby 7th of 17 to Gamon at Warwick (2m. soft) lest time; earlier best Sharling Sharby 7th of 17 to Gamon at Warwick (2m. soft) lest time; earlier best Sharling Sharby 7th of 17 to Gamon at Warwick (2m. soft) lest time; earlier best Sharling Sharby 7th of 17th of 1

Course specialists

Prescott pair withdrawn from Lincoln Mark Prescott's pair Milligan and to 8-1 at the head of the spousors' Serious Trouble were among a handful of fancied horses withdrawn from the

William Hill Lincoln at yesterday's second forfeit stage. The non-acceptors also include Regent Lad, Sovereign Rocket, Operation Wolf and Elementary, the top weight. Terminator, without a race for more than two years, has hardened from 10-1

NON-ACCEPTORS: Bementary, Serious Trouble, Operation Well, Sterp Justice, Runun, Seppho Cornet, Regent Led, Rish Wen, Dr Bulesco, Milligen, Metancolla, Sovereign Rocket, Nayland, Pontenuovo, Indian Massiro, Fusilier. LATEST SETTING (Hills): 8-1 Termingtor, 14-1 Ottergayle, Polyroll, 16-1 Secqueral, Be My Ronner, 20-1 Fedoria, Midfielder, Milleu, Sleepline Fantzey, Sylven Tempest, 25-1 ber.

3.45 JOHN AND NIGEL THORNE MEMORIAL CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs; £1,574: 3m 2f) (8 runners)

1989: THARUS O'RILEY 8-12-3 F Tracise (7-2) F Tracise 10 ran 4.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,024: 2m) (17 runners)

S ESF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualitier: \$2,024; 2m) (17 runners)

1P1 DO RE BRISH 18 (D.A.M) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-10

PD ADROBITOS 30 (Jürs B Curley) B Curley 7-11-0

36- CELTIC (DNG 551 (P Byrne) B Curley 6-11-0

00- DEEP SWELL 346 (B Neytor) B Smart 6-11-0

(9.32-67 FISHERMAN'S TALE 13 (H Joel) A Turnel 7-41-0

65- HOSTILE ACT 455 (J Tibry) Miss P Heil 5-11-0

20344 LEANDER LAD 15 (R Billingsley) D McCeln 5-11-0

40 PATNOL LEADDER AT (P Bonner) Mrs. J Pitmen 5-11-0

6FULY PENYGROES 727 (Mrs. R Heanbleton) G Yerdby 7-41-0

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6 PROCK ON KELLY 76 (C Parler) J White 6-11-0

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9 ROCK ON KELLY 76 (C Parle Rz 11-10 Do Be Brief, 3-1 Punching Glory, 13-2 Celtic King, 8-1 Fishermen's Tale, 10-1 Paixel

(19 runners) (19 tunners) (19 runners) A Price (7) M Stuith (7)

BETTRIC: 11-10 Mossau, 4-1 Golden Sound, 8-1 Auk Eye, 9-1 Telematos, 14-1 Boce Chimes, Miss Music, 16-1 others. 1969: DUCKHAYEN 6-10-2 L Hervey (8-1) J Beker 17 ran

 Joyful Noise, favourite for Saturday's shoulder injury when riding on Monday,
 William Hill Imperial Cup at Sandown expects to return to the saddle at has hardened to 3-1 (from 7-2) with the Chepstow on Saturday. sponsors, who also report interest in Without A Doubt (7-1 from 8-1) and Sprowston Boy (10-1 from 12-1). Simon McNeill, who aggravated a 66-1).

Attitude Adjuster has been laid to lose £40,000 by Ladbrokes for the Seagram Grand National and is now 40-1 (from

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There was no respite for anyone Meanwhile, the pitch's behav-yesterday from the single-iour at the start as England's last minded determination of the five wickets fell to the new ball

England A barsmen who occupy gave the impression of having the crease against Zimbabwe for been watered illegally on the rest

as long as possible. By the time day, though nobody was admitted innings ended shortly after time for 366, it had been in progress for nearly 12% hours. Zimbabwe, 76 behind on first innings, were 64 for three at the close, after rain and bod light close, after rain and bod light restricted play to 10 overs after search of the conceded only 71 runs with practically every ball bothering the batsmen. It will be revealing the conceded only 71 runs with practically every ball bothering the batsmen. It will be revealing

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Zimbabwe will be a barsman the barsmen. It will be revealing short, because of Arnott's brotes whether a more positive ken finger, on the fifth and final day today, and England should be able to force victory. It is still hold he imposed when the arguable, though, that the England cause would have been served better if they had scored more quickly, first on Monday, and then if a functime declaration had come vesterday.

when Zimbabwe batted, but after this, the bowler was a first this, the bowler was a constant threat with lift and movement. Shah backed away to cut Afford once too often before Robertson drove a catch follow. As it was, half an hour to extra cover, After the rain stoppage, the players came our for the final seven overs and between innings.

between innings.

If the lack of flexibility in the second slip against leglesden.

ZIMBABWE: First Innings 290 (D. Houghton 108, A.H. Shan 96).

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-40, 3-58;

BOWLING: Igglesoan 13-4-27-1; Pm 8-4-8-1, Afford 6-1-16-1 Walker 6-2-1

and then if a lunchtime declara-tion had come yesterday.

English factics at this stage was hard to understand, there was

further confusion for everyone when a whole new crop of road

name changes in this city was announced overnight by the Government, to mark the

Life is never dull for the visitor in these developing

countries, and not many inter-

nanonal cricket grounds can have had their address changed during a match. Instead of North Avenue, the Harare Sports Club now stands in

Josiah Tongogara Avenue.
The pearby Rhodes Avenue.

after Cecil, of course, rather

Wilfred, has also finally changed names. It is now Herbert

ZANU secretary general, a vic-tim of a car bomb explosion in the late 1970s. The new road

signs are already in place and are

an effort, the government min-ister responsible explained, to

Avenue, after the

approaching general election.

# A driving force from a wheelchair



Sport is the business of massive personality cults. And not just of the players, either. The power of coaches and managers enthrals: the mystery of how - or if - the force and guile of a person in a blazer or a tracksuit is converted into defeats and victories is one of sport's

Football managers have long been seen as the great keepers of this mystery, ever since the heady days when they emerged blinking and kipper-tied into the warm light of televised attention in the Sixties. Many an act has been exposed since then: the press conference clichés have been the stock material of cheap humour for years.
But the fascination remains: there

is a need for such figures of manipulation and mystery. We read almost daily of the Argentinian sorcery of Osvaido Ardiles at, of all places, Swindon; Graham Taylor's achievements with Aston Villa this season have provided a standard story of managerial wisdom.

Football chairmen have been a

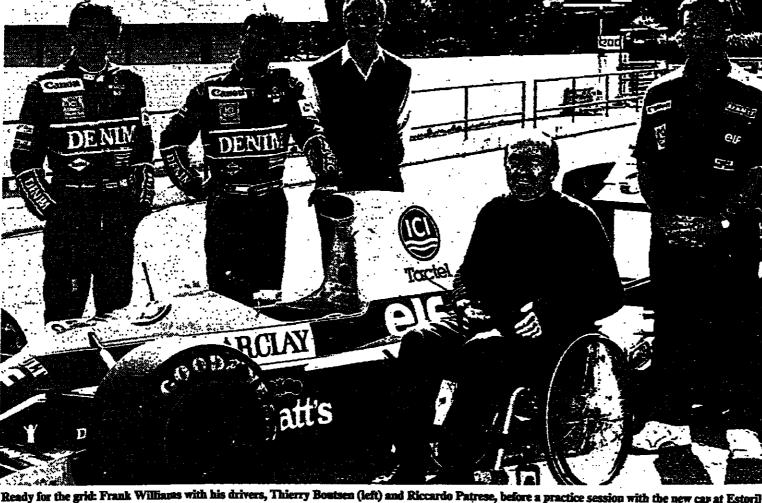
more recent preoccupation, offering the double-whammy of sporting and financial power. But again, like the rent-a-quip football managers, chairmen have been exposed time and again as publicity-seeking phoneys with bizarre attitudes to both business and sport.

In contrast, there are sporting manager-chairman figures that are truly impressive; quiet men of real power, controllers of a game with a dozen or more Maradonas; dealers for whom half a dozen noughts is the rule rather than the exception in

They are the team managers in the intense, insane, lavishly-re-warded hurly-burly of Formula One motor racing. Even the drivers are relatively anonymous in this hermetic, fanatics' world. The managers are almost secretive: not the stuff of which after-dinner speakers are made. It is a world devoid of Big

Yet the silent, burning commitment of the team managers in this game would startle any televisionwatching stranger who sees Formula One as a kind of large Scalectrix set. "I am addicted to motor racing," Frank Williams declared uncompromisingly. "There is nothing else I know about, nothing else I want to do. I'm totally consumed by

"Motor racing is what matters most in my hie. Well, I have a family, which I love very much, but



they tend to take second place to the business. There's no question about that I am very fortunate that I'm consumed by what I do; that is a great gift for a man. I really think

Williams runs his own team in his own name. His present drivers are Thierry Boutsen and Riccardo Patrese. He has won the constructors' championship four times, and along with Ferrari, is seen as one of the best hopes of serious challenge to the dominance of McLaren in the season that starts on Sunday.

My ambitions are fairly limited but important - to keep on winning world championships. It is immensely difficult. The competition is fantastic. It takes all one's time. I don't want to be one of the richest businessmen in Britain, I'm happy with what I'm doing. That sounds unambitious. But if you want to stay on top in Formula One, you are always expanding your business and creating problems for yourself."

Williams is a man given to blazing-eyed statements of selfassertion. "What excites me most is just the speed of the cars, the skill of the drivers, the control of the drivers over their cars. That's what I enjoy most and that's why I broke my neck." Williams is a quadriplegic, incapable of any movement below the shoulders.

"I broke my neck because I just

enjoy going very quickly. The idea of a man balancing a car on the throttle and a steering wheel around corners truly fascinated me, all the time. I couldn't resist it. I never did stupid overtaking, but every corner was a challenge, and eventually I made a mistake - but grand prix drivers operate at infinitely higher speeds. I just think it's magic. I

really do." Williams came into motor sport as a driver, but moved early into management. "We all tend to say, I wish I was still doing it. I did drive myself, but most erratically. I terminated my career, wisely I think. I sometimes think, maybe if I'd kept going . . . But I don't think I'd have survived five years of motor racing, not the way I used to

"The experienced drivers kept out of my way before I took them off. I was driving above my head all the time, too fast too soon - but I enjoyed it. I've been a very lucky person, I've always done exactly what I wanted. I don't mean that callously. I wanted to race, I went racing. I look back on a terrific life. I don't say I have achieved a great deal, but I've done a great number of

It is the sense of commitment in Williams that reaches out to grab you. Naturally, the company mirrors the man. "We always reinvest. It is a fundamental philosophy here.

wealthy enough to surround myself "I have never been a great one for the trappings of success. The comwith people to look after me, who are my hands and feet. I'm not truly pany does have its own plane, though. This was because, when I handicapped in that sense. And I don't have a job. No one can fire broke my neck, i got a very substantial insurance payment, and

deal of difference to my life. "In a wheelchair, everyone stares at you. And there are a number of other problems. Before, when I saw a guy in a wheelchair, I would think, poor bugger, can't walk. Well, there are two things. Most people you see in a wheelchair are paraplegies.

it was felt - 1 felt, it was my decision

- that a plane would make a great

That means their trunk works. There are not that many guys around with broken necks. You can see this movement in my shoulders" - as Williams talks he constantly swings his arms like pendulums - "and there is a bit of biceps. But I've got nothing else."

He added, with a mixture of mild irritation and faint surprise, almost as if the thought had struck him for the first time; "It's a major handicap, I can't write, I can't use the phone, I can't go to the loo. And people don't realize that I can't feel anything. You see these red marks on my fingers — I'm always burning myself because I can't feel anything.

"But I am extremely fortunate for a person of my disability. Mostly it happens to younger people, who are employed. Therefore they lose their job and have no money. I am

me. And I'm consumed by what I do. Days pass quickly, and I'm never moping or staring or feeling

The accident happened in March, 1986, and Williams the man was out of the day-to-day running of the company for the rest of the year. It was the year in which Williams the company won the constructors' championship. Nothing could better demonstrate the company's strength. Since January 1987 Williams has been back in the seat of power, a man of blazing managerial commitment. "Compared with 10 years ago the

sport is stable. It is sensible, a stable, strong and intensely competitive sport. There is not much wrong with it. It is full of competitive, and sometimes greedy people, but generally people who are successful are very pushy, and tend to stand on others. An athlete has to beat people. He has to blow people off, so that these people feel awful. "But that is the nature of life.

TOMORROW

The problems of Ron Dennis, of McLaren.

# GOLF: OLAZÁBAL'S ABSENCE LEAVES BALLESTEROS TO FLY THE SPANISH FLAG

# A disaster strikes Ito title challenge

**ICE SKATING** 

From John Hennessy, Halifax, Nova Scotia A moment of disaster during the came nearer to the truth with second figure yesterday at the 2.2.

Dartmouth Sportsplex has al-

plunged her to tenth place, served the distinction of win-which means that she has uning the last figure gold medal in burdened herself with a penalty of 3.6 points, compared with the Even so, she cannot have of the compulsory figwinner of the cor ures, Jill Trenary.

favourite of the amateur skating world since the move to the professional ranks of Katarina Witt, lay sixth after the first figure and still in touch. She had won her title in Paris last year from precisely that position. The second figure, the loops,

The little Japanese, the

proved catastrophic, however. She got through the first tracing, on her right foot, well enough, but stopped at the crown of the inside loop on her left foot.

The hesitation was only momentary, but in pulling herself into motion again, her tracing went awry. There were some deferential marks of 3.1, but the British judge, Vanessa Riley,

most certainly deprived Midori ago after finishing second in the lito of the women's world figure figures, is skating well this skating championship. It season, and she thoroughly de-

foreseen the windfall that would drop in her lap. It means that, assuming Ito wins both tomor-row's original programme and Saturday's free skating. Trenary could take the title by finishing only third in those two elements. If she should fail to do that, the philosophical reaction not deserve to be world

Champion.
RESULTS: Ice dance computervies: 1. M Klimove and S Ponomarento (USSR).
0.4; 2, M Usova and A Zhulin (USSR).
0.5; 3, I Duchesnay and P Duchesnay (Fr). 1.2;
4, K Engl and A Toth (Hung). 1.6 British placinger 20. L Burton and A Place, 8.0, A Hatl and J Blomfield, 8.8.
Pairs original programmer: 1, EGordeeva and S Grimkov (USSR), 0.5pts; 2. N Mishkutenok and Admirrier (USSR), 1.0;
3, L Selezneva and O Malearov (USSR), 1.5; 4, le Brasseur and L Ester (Can), 2.0.
British placings: 16, C Barter and M Aldred, 8.0.

**TABLE TENNIS** 

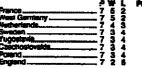
## **Uncomradely comrades** By Richard Eaton

John Prean has attacked as "unfair" and "uncomradely" the selection policies of other countries which he blames for England's relegation from the super division of the European

West Germany at Bexleyheath on Tuesday and afterwards the chairman of the English Table Tennis Association said he betieved the European League system would be altered next season to prevent countries fielding weakened teams We were relegated partly because certain countries

notably Poland - fielded weakened teams against other countries." Prean claimed. "They put

"Now we face rotten matches in the lower division, with financial losses unless something is changed.



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# Norman in flag-pole position

By Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent

Nick Faldo will not defend the Masters at Augusta from April 5 to 8 as the No. 1 golfer in the world. Greg Norman bas secured that position, after victories in the Australian Masters and the Doral Ryder Open, by increasing his lead over Faldo to almost three points in the Sony

world rankings.
"It would take a mathemat-It would take a maintenatical earthquake for Nick to depose Greg," Tony Greer, the curator of the Sony rankings, said. "The computer had shown at the start of the year that if Nick continued the way he left off in 1989, then he would get to No. 1 by the Masters."

Faldo, however, has failed to win. He was overtaken by Norman in the Australian Mas-ters and finished down the field in the Desert Classic in Dubai.

ters," Greer said.

Norman has mostly held the No. 1 spot since the Sony rankings were introduced in 1985. He moved to the top when winning the Panasonic Euro-pean Open in 1986. Severano Ballesteros alternated with Nor-man from November 1988. been toppled since he moved back to No. 1 by winning The International in Colorado last August. Norman. according to the Sony rankings, has been consistently the best player during the last calendar year.

The most remarkable downturn in fortune is that experienced by Sandy Lyle. Twelve months ago be was second in the

# Open competition ripe for short-course specialists

Card of the course

Hole Yds Par Hole Yds Par

From Mel Webb Majorca

It is amazing, is it not, how the most distinguished men in their field often have the most commonplace names? Take Fred Hawtree, for example. He could have been a cowherd or a carpenier with a name like that. Instead. Mr Hawtree has been

one of the most distinguished golf course architects of modern times, and it was he who designed the Son Vida course, the venue of the Majorca Open, which starts today, 30 years ago. It is short - only slightly over 6,200 yards, with a generous par of 72—and a but fiddly. It is the sort of course that the happy holiday backer could play with-

out risk of serious embarrass-ment, but its lack of length could turn this tournament into the European short-course cham-The owners of Son Vida have

m the Desert Classic in Dibai.

To climb to No. 1 before Augusta, Faldo would need to win
The Nestlé Invitational (March 22 to 25), finish high in Houston (March 29 to April I), and Norman would have to miss the cut in his two tournaments. "I to improve its overall condition; think it is safe to say that Greg is but it has also produced more unassailable through to the Mas-

on the money list last season, lies lower than Sandy Lyle this

Out 2,960 35 in 3,284 37 the nasty stuff has been killed

With so many of the holes being no more than a three-wood and a flick to the green --only three of the 10 par fours measure more than 400 yards -preferred lies are being used to ease the short shot to the flag.

That is one thing the players can be grateful for. Another is the beauty of the place. Overlooked by the ancient castle of the Marquis de la Torre, which has been here for centuries but is now a luxury hotel, and with the Tramontana Mountains in the background, it is a pleasant place to be. The ancient sage who called golf "a good walk spoilt" would have had a few boles knocked in his argument

of course, as befits a man whose company, Amen Corner, runs the event. He is, after all, a sporting hero in these parts, and would pose a serious threat to King Juan Carlos if the occupant of the Spanish throne had to be elected. Also present, as well as Ronan

Rafferty, Mark McNulty and the defending champson, Ove Sellberg, is Bernhard Langer — a catch booked after three years of trying by a Balearic government aware that 60 per cent of tourists to their islands are German and anxious to raise the profile of this event in Langer's home-

The one big name missing is that of José-Maria Olazabal, the young man who might one day soon knock King Seve off his

Olazábal has been second in this tournament for the last two years. The official reason for his absence this week is that he has to go to the dentist. Behind that might be other factors not entirely unconnected with such things as, whisper it not, appearance money. One wonders what the Marquis de la Torre would have made of appearance

## A satisfied Strange returns to tour From John Ballantine, Coral Springs, Florida

Curtis Strange, aged 35, the United States Open champion for the past two years, returns to the US Tour, after two trips to Australia, in the Honda Classic, which starts on the 7,037-yard stadium course here, on the edge of Evergiades, today. Strange, who finished seventh

He last played in America in the first event of the season, the Europe, and our own leading Tournament of Champions in players, the US champion re-

Strange then flew to Sydney to compete in two tour returned home with flu, which laid him low for three weeks, and flew back down under for the

Although he did not win

anywhere, he has been resting at home in Virginia in the last fortuight well satisfied with the \$300,000 or so he has picked up.
Like Americans who visit ceives up to \$100,000 (£61,000) for each appearance abroad

## **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcestle v Everion (7 0) Second division. Burnley v Stoke (7 15), Sunderland v Bernsley (7.0):

OTHER SPORT " 98.LIARDS: Stracher UK Billiards champ-onenip (Marton Hotel and Country Cub, Middleabrough) BOWLS: English Women's Indoor cremponships (Lution). IOCICEY: Typhoo Women's League: Sut-son Colohed v Citton (8.46). TENES: Men's Indoor estellite circuit

SPORT ON TV BASKETBALL: Screensport 2-3.30pm and 10.30pm-midright College mulch: Duse v Clemson, and American league:

European 8-10pm: Uve coverage of the European Cup from Greece. BOXING: Eurosport 12-2pm World championstep ingrights: Screensport 12:30-2pm, Top Reak event from the United States.

EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 6.30-Sam. FOOTBALL: Eurosport 6-6.30 and 10-11.30pm Highlights of the Europee and. World Cup: Screenaport 4-7.30-8.30pm: Highlights of the Ma Cup and Argentinuan league. Cup and Argentinean league.
PORO SIG REPORT: Eurosport 9-10pm.
GOLF: Screensport 8-10pm: Unsted Status POA: Highlights of the Doral Ryone Open from Marm! Eurosport 10-11am: Highlights of the Outsit Cleasue.
ICE SIATING: 88C1 11.30pm-12.20pm, Eurosport 4-8 and 8-10pm and C4 6.30-7pm and 12.30-1pm (tomorrow):Pigura Blueong: Live coverage of the World.
Champtonships from Halitax, Caração

MOBR. MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Eurosport 6-5.30pm. MOTORCYCLING: Screensport 10-11am and 12-1am (zomorrow) the Speedway: highights of the World champiocamps from Assen, The Nameriands. POLC WORLD: Screensport 8.30-9pm.

RUGSY LEAGUE: Screensport 6-7-30pm: Highlights of Leeds v Wigas. RUGSY (NEON: Screensport 11am-mid-day Highlights of France v Ireland from Pans. SKING: Eurosport 11am-midday and 7-8pm. Coverage of the Men's great shalom from Geldo. Norway. TEMPON BOWLING: Screensport 9.15-10.30pm.

TRANS WORLD SPORT: Euroept 10am Sport from around the world.

Strange, like Nick Faido, has

However, a statement was

attempt to create another of his, little miracles by lifting the club

out of the first division releas-

tonight.

Strange, like Nick Faldo, has been changing his swing under the gnidance of David Leadbetter. "He used to go back with his club face open," Leadbetter said.

18 MONEY-LEADERS: 1, P Azinger, \$384,918 (\$240,000; 2, F Couples, \$316,777; 3, P Jaconsen, \$294,110; 4, G Norman, \$281,795; 5, M Calcavecchia, \$251,040, 6, M O'Meara, \$276,198; 7, T Armour III, \$283,899; 8, D Forsman, \$200,992, 9, T Simpson, \$199,081; 10, R Gamez, \$189,050.

payments forbidden on the US

A three-year deal means that

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

# Leigh turn to Murphy once again

Leigh are determined to give a tion area. The Leigh statement sense of occasion to Alex Mur-phy's fourth spell in charge at Hilton Park. The official announcement of the details of Murphy's new contract will be made at a press conference

preparation for the South Pa-cific tour by the British Amateur Rugby League Association will take place at Leigh next Wednesday, when a Great Britam XIII will play a comissued yesterday confirming what most people had suspected since Monday, that the controversial Murphy will return to take over from Billy Benyon and bined XIIL

already been announced, and the combined XIII has been drawn from players who have impressed in recent matches

64-6-1, Afford 6-1-16-1 Walkin 6-2:
ENGLAND A: First Innings
D J Bioknelt tow o Grandes
J P Stephenson c Rower to Brandes
M A Attention to Sheh
M J Blakey c Robertson to Janvis
M C J Nicholas c sub to Shah
G P Thomps c A Flower to Brandes
15 J Rhodes c Trescos to Duers FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-13, 3-198, 218, 5-287, 6-321, 7-344, 8-355, 9-365 Gatting's homecoming proves trouble-free Police fearing demonstrations am very happy the lads won the by anti-apartheid protesters maintained a strong presence at Heathrow yesterday when Mike have for Graham Gooch is keep Gatting, who led the unofficial beating them. It is terrific English team to South Africa, excellent."

## arrived home. Four uniformed officers es-Gatting repeated that he had corted Gatting from the British Airways plane and stayed with of South Africa, which was cut him all the way to his car. But in the event, not one demonstrator was at the airport to see him short by two weeks. "I have to regrets at all," he said. "I think! will be going back there again." return. The only person there to welcome him back was his wife, Elaine. have a contract for another wear." Gatting said that he hoped he had learned something

Asked if he wished he had by making the trip. "Exactly been in the West Indies instead of South Africa, Gatting said: "I couple of days."

gular one-day series in New Zealand, still intend to press

hard for victory in today's game

Simpson, said there would be no

let-up, even though the result of

the match could decide their

don't have a real preference about whom we play in the final so I'm sure there will be 100 holding back." He said Inda's win over\_New Zealand by 922

run on Tuesday had not supprised him. "They are a very dangerous team. They used to be the world champions and are

still capable of top performances."

the return of the fast bowler.

Merv Hughes, who will play his first game of the tour. But indis will be without Tendulkar. The

young batsman, who made a vital 36 against New Zealand has injured a calf muscle.

The Indian manager, Bishes edi, said that Razdan and

semi-finals and a final over a semi-finals and a final over-three-day time span, such as he ward Cup, at Scarborough and the Tilcon Trophy at Harrossi-have proved successful. The

have proved successful. The special attraction for the following Midland counties would be midland counties.

extra income from hospitality

possibilities. Such a compension

Australia will be reinforced by

against India at Hamilton

opponents in the final. "We still want to win every game on this tour," he said. "We

## Privileged Hughes is few bow to fit for MCC spin Australia Wellington (AFP) — Australia although already guaranteed place in the final of the trian-

To play cricket here has been the to play cricker here has been the traditional privilege of those who can afford to belong to one of the four main sports clubs in Buenos Aires, where the facilities include the only four squares in both the city and Argentina (Paul Parker writes).

Cricket has also always been considered a pastume peculiar to the English, but over the past few years the Argentine Cricket Association has made strenuous efforts to encourage those of Latin origin to take up the game. Now, roughly half of the 200 or so cricketers in Buenos Aires are of Spanish or Italian descent, but for the game to flourish further it requires active en-

couragement in schools such as St Albans College, which hosted our latest match. The ground is virtually a The ground is virtually a virgin site and the wicket posed problems. MCC scraped together 122 in 62 overs before declaring with nine wickets down. The opposition were unable to counter the spin of Kevin Crossley and Mark Boocock, and were dismissed for 75 in 42 overs.

# Bedi, said that Razdan and Venkataramana were also Scope for cup revival:

The Midlands Counties Cup, which was the inaugural limited-overs competition involving first-class counties when it was launched in 1961 and was a forerunner of the Gillette Cup, could be revived following Leicestershire's £100,000 sponsorship agreement with Carling Black Label (Michael

Mike Turner, the Leicestershire chief executive, spid.

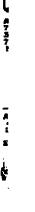
Nothing has been formally discussed but the involvement the four original counties — the others are Derbyshire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire of Bass Worthington with all four counties raises interesting are now under the same sponsorship umbrella of Bass Worthington. would need to be approved by the Test and County Crickel Board."

One-day competitions invol-

tion area. The Leigh statement said that the parting with Benyon was "amincable and mutual".

TEAM: S Currier (Widness P Aissiders (Heavy Woolsen), J Hyperson (Currier Currier (Currier (Currie coach, was yesterday siver fine of £250, suspended for months, for bringing the into disrepute follo paper comments he may
the Silk Cut Challed
semi-final between Off
Warrington





# Wolves hunger for unique return to first division fold

Wolverhampton Wanderers the time and still have them place," he said. "But I've no will complete an unprece-both to play. All the talk so far doubt now that we're a top-six dented Football League treble has been of us trying to reach side. We've scored six goals in if they win promotion back the promotion play-offs. But our last two away games and into the first division this we're the form team of the season, for no club has ever moment, and with Leeds in scoring side again. But it is still gone from the fourth division particular starting to make the going to take a lot of victories

"Wolves, after a besitant us?" start, have climbed into fourth place in the second division into the first division this on the back of an impressive run of seven wins in their last 10 games. Their 3-1 victory at Portsmouth on Tuesday left Wimbledon got promotion them eight points behind the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in League history. Swansea and Wimbledon got promotion from the fourth and third agreed on a fee of £100,000 for the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in most to the second division when the fourth and third agreed on a fee of £100,000 for the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in most spectacular rise in the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in the first division the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in the first division the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in the first division the first division this season, it would complete the most spectacular rise in the first division the first division this season, it would complete the most specific the first division the first div seven adrift of the second-placed Sheffield United.

While Graham Turner, the manager, insists that it would

If Wolves do make it back us." leaders, Leeds United, and divisions in successive sea- the 21-year-old midfield sons; but it took them two player who spent a month on attempts to get out of the

to the first in successive odd slip, who knows where to lift us into the top two, so those two matches might leave anything beyond the play-offs would be a massive bonns for

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loan at Oakwell in November.

"It's an important decision Watford's journey from the for me and I need some time manager, insists that it would require a "remarkable achievement" to win promotion outright, his players have it in their sights. "The way we're playing, I can't see any reason why we shouldn't," Sieve Bull, the top scorer, said. Gary Bellamy, the captain, said: "We're getting closer to Leeds and Sheffield United all

# Roberts revives the Barbarians By David Hands Rugby Correspondent Ardiles points to promotion

Harry Roberts, the Richmond hooker, would probably not claim any mystical properties in his play, but the annual Mobbs

ms piay, but the annual moobs Memorial match at Northamp-ton yesterday turned completely around after his introduction into the Barbarian ranks at the

interval.

Up to that point, the East Midlands had thoroughly deserved their 18-4 lead after playing with considerable verve. When the visitors lost Edwards, their lock, with a leg injury, they were effectively reduced to a one-man lineout, but that one man. Francis, the Irish lock.

man, Francis, the Irish lock, enjoyed himself hugely.

St Pauls and St Marys 19

St Pauls and St Marys, of Cheltenham, beat Moray House, of Edinburgh, in a scrappy semi-final of the British Colleges' Cup at Fylde, enlivened by 20 minutes of excellent rugby in the second half.

They won by two goals, a try and a penalty to a penalty and a

dropped goal.

Moray House were playing only their fourth game together

as most of their players are committed to club rugby; lack of

communed to catto right, act of cohesion was apparent, as was the talent of Shepherd of Edinburgh Academicals in the centre and the Changleng brothers from Cala at full back and stand-off half.

Thomas, the winners' full back and stand-off half.

back, had an excellent game but St Pauls could not harness the pace and talent of their excellent

wing, Subbiani, who has played

Moray House led at the interval with David Changleng's

Leicester first

to take on

a professional

that Tony Russ, the Saracens and England Under-21 assistant

coach, would become their first

paid director of coaching (David

can still operate. The point has been rubbed home recently for

them, too, by the Pilkington Cup defeat at the hands of

Northampton, who have pros-pered under Barrie Corless.

Mike Teague, the England No. 8, will play for Gloucester

for Swansea.

Moray House ....

in college cup

Osvaldo Ardiles has not only satisfied mood; and no wonder.

persuaded the Swindon Town
Still third. Swindon are two Still third, Swindon are two points behind Sheffield United. players to pass the ball along the ground, he has also pointed them firmly in the direction of the occupants of the second division's second automatic promotion position Bradford claimed a consolation goal, through Jackson, to make the final score 3-1, but remain third

the first division,
Three goals in four first-half
minutes from Shearer, who
scored twice to take his tally for the season to 22, and Foley against Bradford City at the County Ground on Tuesday night should have left the omary half-time cigarette in seasons, rose to fourth in the

homecon: Tuesday night's results

Samulut A, Educates I. Transmere 3, Black-pool 1; Briscol City 1, Transmere 3; Bury 1, Northsempson 0; Cardiff 2, Rodherham 0; Crewe 1. Shrawsbury 1; Fultam 1, Classified 0; Bolson 1; Notte County 2, Swansfield 0; Bolson 1; Notte County 2, Swanses 1; Presson 2, Walsatt 0; Reading 0, Bristol Rowers 1; Wiggen 2, Brentiford 1.

ROWING

\* Eton back to

strength and

capture title

Eton ended Hampton's five-year reign as schools' head winners by nine seconds over the Bandstand to Putney course

the Bandstand to Putney course yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). Back to full strength after rowing two substitutes at Reading on Saturday, Eton, starting second, hung back on the start. Under instructions from Paul Wright, their coach, to "keep it steady and then push at Hammersmah", they followed the plan to the letter and closed the gap steadily.

RESULTS: 1, Eton, 12min 48eer; equal 2, Hympton and Westerinster, 12:57; equal 7, Streenbury and RGS High-Wycombe (tastest small club winners); 10, Eton 8, 12,16 (tastest 2nd eight). Other eights:

Blant Afte Emanuel, 19,28. JiS: King's, Citeder, 8,32 (Hort course), J15 novice: St Reuris, 8,50, J14; Kingson Grammar, 14,41; Women's J16; Kingston Grammar, 14,41; Women's J16; Labor Holes, 15,22. Men's caches State: Justice: Sam Sires, 19,47, J15; Windson Spring, 19,47, J16; Kingson, Conster, 9,37, Coxed (core: Linings), Chester, 9,

Juliore: City of Cambridge, 19:57. Junior Juniore: City of Cambridge, 19:57. Junior nodes: Windledon College, 15:59. J16: King's, Chester, 14:25. J15: SF William Borless, 2:40: jshort ocurse), J15: re-tricted: Windled Boys, 10:05. Western's couless focus: Juniore: Hensey College, 14:32. J15: Bedford High, 10:13 (anon-tricted), College Segme Squal, 1, Kingston Grasmur and King's, Centerbury, 15:53. J16: Ludy Beanor Holes, 16:28.

closed the gap steadily.

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CURP WINNERS CUP: Quarter-finel, first lag: Anderlecht 2, Admira Wacter (Aus) 0.

UEFA CUP: Quarter-finel, first lag: Cologne 2, FG Antwerp 0.

BAULCLAYS LEAGUE Second division: Hitchin 2, Wembley 1, Purified 2, Asterband 0, Second division: Bournemouth 0, Oxford 1; Portsmouth 1, Wolverbangton 3, Stoke 0, Ipswich 0, Seedon 3, Bradford 1.

THED DIVISION: Birmingham 3, Black-pool 1; Bristol City 1, Transmers 8, Sury 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Westpate Rossendate O, Congleton O, BEASTER HOMES LEASUE: Westgate Insurance Cap: Semi-dinal, first leg: Dartford 3, Bashley O, Premier division: Ashford D, Wesicistons 1; Bash 3, Waterlooville 2; Dorchester 2, Corby 1; Gloucester 2, Moor Green 3, Midlend division: Bederoth O, King's Lynn 1; Grantham O, Bisson 1; Halesowen 3, Sutton Coldinal 2, Southern division: Andrower 1, Halth 3- Meetings 1 Erits and

D. Bristol Rovers 1; Wigen 2, Brentford 1.

POURTH DNISION: Burnley 1, Torquey 6;
Cambridge 2, Maldatone 6; Colchester 4,
Carlise 0; Doncaster 2, Hartigood 2,
Salingtem 0, Paterborough 0; Rochdele 1,
Ghesterfield 0; Scunthorpe 3, Aldershot 2,
Westiam 2, York 0.
GM VALDHALL CONFERENCE: Berrow
2, Stationd Rangers 0,
B and Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First
division: Postponsed: Alice v Albion
Rovers. Second division; Kimarnock 1,
Sering Albon 0, Postponsed: Dumbarton v
Sett Skring.
CLUBCALL CUP: First round: Bishop's
Stortford 2, Worgester 0.

second with a 3-1 win at Portsmonth. Inevitably, Steve Bull, their centre forward, seeking to impress Bobby Robson before he picks the England squad to face Brazil, was involved in all three of the visitors' goals.

Bull supplied the first goal for Bellamy, and after Whittingham had equalized in the 71st from bottom, and have yet to win in 1990. Wolverhampton Wanderers, champions of the fourth and third divisions in the past two minute, he won the match by pressuring Fillery into an own goal from a corner. Then, three minutes later, in injury time, he claimed his 21st goal of the

Tranmere Rovers went to the top of the third division by beating Bristol City, the previous leaders, 3-1 at Ashton Gate, thanks to goals from McCarrick, Muir, and Bishop, Shelton replying for City, Bristol Rovers, are second on social Rovers are second on goal difference after a 1-0 success at Reading, who put them out of the FA Cup this season, Mehew

 The League game between Leeds United and Sunderland at Roker Park on Tuesday, March 20, is to be screened live at Elland Road on a closed circuit television screen. Leeds have decided to screen the game after learning they would receive only 500 tickets at Roker Park. West Ham United are expected to organize a similar screening, at Upton Park, on their game against Leeds at Elland Road on Saturday.

# **Capsized Martela OF** found by fishing vessel

Martela OF, the Finnish A team of divers, including Whitbread Round the World some from other Whitbread Race yacht, which capsized off yachts, has been assembled, and Argentina 10 days ago, was was expecting to sail for the area located by an Uruguyan fishing last night. The divers intend to that it had sunk.

The 81ft maxi was found 100 miles north of the position where the yacht's keel broke off and her crew were rescued by two other yachts in the race. in good condition, floating up-side down, and with her rig still

to Florida for repairs in time to compete on the last stage of the race, from Fort Lauderdale to Southampton, starting on May

# Aitken-Walker escapes

Louise Aitken-Walker, Britain's leading woman rally driver, had an amazing escape from injury after crashing 100 feet down a cliff face and ending up in a lake while competing in the Portugal rally yesterday.

As their Vauxhall Astra sank to the bottom of the lake about 150 miles north of Lisbon, she and her co-driver, Christina Thorner, from Sweden, man-

# **YACHTING**

March 17.

From Barry Pickthall, Punta del Este, Uruguay

boat yesterday, four days after remove the rig, causing as little fumbled Argentinian efforts to damage as possible, and tow the salvage the £1.25 million craft ended with the announcement owners intend to ship the craft

Markku Wiikeri, the skipper two other yachts in the race.

According to a report from the fishing boat, Martela's hull was in good condition, floating upnavigator, to assist with the recovery operation.

## **MOTOR RALLYING**

aged to swim to the surface, where they were rescued by

# in this weekend's Courage League game with Harlequins TENNIS

SQUASH RACKETS SALUARONT THALARE I S
SALZBURG: Austrian Opan champlomphip:
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(Aus), 15-12, 5-15, 9-15, 15-9, 15-9; C
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(Paic) ta A Histone), 15-12, 15-7, 15-4; R Bytee
(Aus) bt P Carrer (Eng), 15-9, 15-7, 15-4; R Bytee
(Aus) bt P Carrer (Eng), 15-9, 15-7, 15-17, 1615-12, 15-6; R Martin (Australa) bt C Wind
(Austria), 15-8, 15-5, 15-7, Jensyher Khan (Pat)
th S Woodf (Aus), 15-5, 15-10, 15-10, 15-8; C
Dermar (Aus) bt P Whitpick (Eng), 15-8, 15-17,
15-9, 15-10; R Norman (N2) bt P Gregory
(Eng), 15-12, 15-3, 15-9; M Z Gat (Pat) at J
Nacible (Eng), 17-14, 15-3, 11-5, 15-10; B
Martin (Aus) bt G Williams (Eng), 10-16, 15-10,
15-10, 15-11.

**RUGBY UNION** 

MOSSS MEMORIAL MATCH: East Midlands 18, Barbanass 40.
HOSPITALS CIP: Final: St Mary's 9, The London 6 at Old Deer Parid, CLIB MATCHES: Neath 38, South Wates Police 10: Caustrings University 25, Caustrings University 25, Caustrings Vandauers 28, Aberson 9; Leosatier 34, Loughborough Sudents 3; Critica 4, RAF 33; Flariot's FP 23, Jed-Forest 3.

**YACHTING** GENOA: Pyring Delchmen. 1, M Lennon and T Hencock (LiB): 2, 6 Schurich and M Piso (Austria): 3, C Johannsen and T Meltard (Not) Pies: 1, E Passon (ti): 2, M Pioretio (ti): 3, T Tevinor (GB). Other British placing: 8, J Fanstons. Europe: 1, 5 Pagaron (ti): 2, C Brookes (GB): 3, K Hedgecock (GB).

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 



# A double success rewrites history

HOCKEY

By Mark Herbert

Loughborough University claimed a notable double at Coventry School yesterday when they won both the men's and women's Universities Athletic Union titles. The men defeated Sheffield University 3defeated Sheffield University 3-0, and the women overcame Birmingham University 2-t.

The men avenged their defeat in last year's Commercial Union UAU final, and completed a remarkable grand slam, by beating Sheffield. They made competition history by becoming the first establishment to win all five UAU hockey titles.

It took Longhborough some

It took Longhborough some time to cope with Sheffield's swarming attacks, and their early nerves were hardly helped from a penalty stroke.

But once they had settled Loughborough set about win-ning possession and gradually gaining control. They went ahead moments before halftime when the left wing, Sean Storey, scored in the scramble following a short corner. The same player forced a

The same player forced a spectacular save from Andy Malcolm in the second half before the opportunism of Danny Kerry earned him two goals of the highest quality.

A desperate defensive display, in which Aileen Claxton, the England goalkeeper, was outstanding, earned Loughborough the women's honours. Although

the women's honours. Although the champions were over-whelmed by Birmingham in the second half, they hung on grimly Loughborough began brightly when Karen Howells struck the when Karen Howells struck the ball home after seven minutes. . Birmingham equalized 20 minutes later when Mandy Gatherer, the left link, began a mazy run which earned her a short corner. Ruth Pilkington

short corner. Ruth Pilkington crisply converted.
Pilkington twisted her ankle shortly after and, while Birmingham were down to 10 players, Loughborough took the lead again. Clare Slater's shot was stopped on the line, leaving Willis a simple tap-in.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY: A Malcohra; Jamieson, S Huchinson, M Simmonds, Smith, S James, N Land, N McParquiter, Troy, S Cockman, M Kenyon, LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY: M Langston; R Madeley, W Lenry, D Mackmey, Lee, N Kright, D Kerry, O Mackmey, O'Bryan (sub: J Harris), M Zander, S Starrey.

Storey. Umpires: B Simpson, D Crunden WOMEN

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY: A CLEX ton; F Corbett, S Allis, K Wilkinson, K Elliott, C Arter, J McAdoo, S Naylor, K Willis, C Slater, K Howells.

# University lose out to juniors

By Sydney Friskin

Hockey Association XI, 4 London University ...

A young England team repre-senting the Hockey Association emerged from a fast, running game with an exciting victory over London University on the

Reading club's artificial pitch yesterday, Waugh scored twice for the Association; the other scores came from Sage and Nicklin. McGuire scored two goals, the first a penalty stroke, and McAllister one for London, who were a little unlucky to lose after

Crossing over with a 2-1 lead.
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI: J Barrow (Indian Gymkhana): D Phillips (Exeter School and Isca), W Wangh (Wellington College and Southstee, centain), R Dievies (Millfield School), C Sage (Frebrand), M Cambeghass (Chelterham), J Chane (Bournvile), P Gibbins (Harborne), H Hookins (Sir William Bortese and Reading), S Mickille (Sir William Bortese and Scugh), A Stevenson (Isca), S Mickille (Sir William Bortese and Scugh), A Stevenson (Isca), Lowoon University: B Hormel (John F Konnedy School West Berlin and Goldsmitt); G Mallison (Pacificy and King's), Q Lewis (Haisyour) and SOAS, captain), J Kennedy School West Berlin and Gold-amin't; G Maileon (Raciny and King's), Q Lewis (Maileon and SCAS, captisin), 3 Ristasan (Sherbourne and St Thomas' Hospital), A Hatrick (Mariborough and St Thomas' Hospital), P McGaire (Sir William Boriase and King's), J Stemper (The Perse and St Thomas' Hospital), P Kristman (Hitchin GS and CMC), A McAllister (RGS High Wycombe and ISE), R O'Sallives (Prior Park and King's), A Thompson (Chettenhum and King's), A Thompson (Chettenhum and King's), A Thompson Lompires R Stamp (Southern Counties) and R Underhill (Southern Counties).

◆ The Army beat the Navy 1-0 yesterday at the St Ivo Outdoor Complex, St Ives, Cambridge shire, in the first match of the inter-services championship for women. The goal was scored by Lieut J Herron from a penalty corner in extra time

# Mitchell, THE LONDON: P Isaac; N Payne, P Merrifield, R McCarrity, I Hamilton; C Jones, H Thomas; D Baler, C Mann, S Curry, A Martin, P Barnes, A Cruickshanis, P Moore, W McAllister. McLaren gave St Mary's the lead with a penalty and Martin RFU facing opposition

to its stance on rules

By David Hands

Shirt and sweet: Tony Underwood, of the Barbarians, tries to burst clear yesterday despite a desperate grasp from Gabriel

scorers as the Barbarians ran away with the match, winning

away with the match, winning by four goals and four tries to three goals. Roberts played hooker and Povoas moved to second row while Gregory, reliving his days with Neath, when he switched between hooker and fianker, joined the back row.

The Barbarian forwards plied their captain, Cosworth, with possession, and he brought the best out of a back division in which Murphy showed the skill which has elevated him to international status this season.

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East Midlands early on. Playing against a team lower than usual

on international strength — only five caps — Vaudin seized two tries and Glover a third as the side capitalized on much good work by Upex, a hard-working lock, and Thorneycroft, who

dropped goal and Shepherd's penalty, although at the end of the half the St Pauls pack was in

complete command.

Thomas opened the scoring

for the winners with an early

penalty on the resumption and then a neat dummy scissors, worked by Stanlake, made a try

scored and converted by

Thomas again had a hand in the next try, when his half-break set up a scoring chance for Turkey, Thomas again convert-ing the final points came from a

try by the speedy Subbiani. Moray House ended the game camped on the St Pauls line

without managing a score.

SCORERS: St Paur's Tries: Thomas,
Turley, Subbiant, Conversions: Thomas,
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Dropped goal: D Changlong, Penalty
goal: Shepherd,
ST RAMI. SCHELTEMHAME M Thomas; R
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(capsan); P Stanlaka, J Shea; D Hirrians, T
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Beddow, D Doran, C Maundral, A
Recordt, R Byrng,
MORAY HOUSE: M Changlong: I McGurk,
M Lynch, R Shepherd, A Hoas; D
Changlong (captain), G McKonzie, N
Harvey, S Whitehead, J McKinnie, I
Macleod, R Steadman, A Kerr, S
Esstaugh, Andrew Hose,
Referen: M Hamila (Manglassier).

It all looked so optimistic for

had a fine duel with his Notting-ham colleague. Hackney. Parfitt and Smith supported and Francis galloped to the line.

vital to St Mary's

EAST MEDLANDS: A Key (Lelessier); R Chandler (Bedford), C Glanvill (Bedford), S Glower (Bedford), H Thomseycreti (Nottingham); S Vaudin (Rugby), B Ga-briel (Nottingham); I Heyerood (Rugby), M House (Bedford), G Byganes (Bedford), B Clark (Northempton), M Bayfield (Bedford), B Chark (Borthord), M Bayfield (Bedford), B S Hamis (Bedford), I White (Rugby), S Hamis (Bedford),

BARBARIANS: K Murphy (Constitution and Ireland): S Hackney (Nottingham), S Device (Lienzell), S Partitt (Swarssee), T Underwood (Leicester): L. Cusworth (Leicester): L. Cusworth (Leicester): M Grittides (Carditt and Scaucass); M Grittides (Carditt and Wales), K Gregory (Newport), P Bumael (London Scottish and Scotland), G George (Newport), N Edwards (Harle-cuint; rept. H Roberts, Richmond), N Francie (Blackrock College and Industry).

half-time. Wintle, for St Mary's, and Thomas and Merrifield for The London, had made breaks but the defences held.

Indifferent finishing pre-vented tries at both ends in the second half before McLaren dropped a goal after O'Leary had caught cleanly at a lineout and been driven through by his

Two minutes later Martin

made it 6-6 and a minute after that McLaren landed the win-

ning goal when The London

were penalized at a maul not far from their posts. Martin missed

The London in the last 10

minutes. It was as close as that.

SCORERS: St. Many'e; Pessiby goals: McLaren (2). Dropped goals McLaren. The London: Pensity goals: Martin (2). ST. MARY'S: A Fleid; R. Winte, D. Gillan, K. Simms, J. Wallars; D. McLaren, I.O'Connor; D. Vaughan, L. O'Hara, A. Ellery, J. Hartley, P. Toozs-Hobson, S. O'Leary, S. Kelly, P. Millohell.

ham colleague, Hackney. Had any Nottingham selec-

tors been present, they might have wondered at their decision

to drop Thorneycroft from the recent Pilkington Cup quarter-final. One tackle on Hackney, which saved a try, was particu-

But, by the end, Hackney had

recovered any loss of face. He and Underwood changed wings at the drop of a hat as the Barbarians, living up to a tradition to which Cusworth has always subscribed, ran the East Midlands record.

Steadman, like Cusworth, is in his final season, and he began the comeback in first-half injury time. The best of their second-

half tries was the second, when

Gabriel kicked deep into the opposing 22 only to see Murphy

St Mary's, with a forward-based game, won the Hospitals Cup for the fourth year in succession by beating The London by two

penalty goals and a dropped goal to two penalties in a hard-fought final at Old Deer Park yesterday. This was their 29th success in all, one behind the

Up to a point The London played well enough to have won,

but could not make the most of

frustrated either by a lack of

steadiness when it came to the final pass, or by O'Leary's expertise at crucial lineouts.

Much of the play was frag-mented, with up-and-unders causing early shudders in the St

Mary's defence. There was a

string of missed kicks to touch and the ball was usually lost in

untidy fashion in the tackle.

record, held by Guys.

Midlands ragged.

The London.

Saints' final word Skills of O'Leary

The Rugby Football Union will come into direct conflict with, among others, Australia when the International Rugby Foot-ball Board (IRFB) meets for its annual meeting later this mouth. There is fundamental disagree-

Leicester became the first of a clutch of clubs seeking to make professional appointments when they announced yesterday ment between the countries over name of the changes contained in the IRFB's discussion paper on the relaxation of the amateur Hands writes). Russ, a school-teacher, hopes to take up the appointment next month.

The position was advertised at £20,000 plus benefits and Leicester hope Russ will provide a sound framework for all the chub's teams, within which their enthusiastic amateur coaches

"We are not saying 'stick to the regulations as they stand', but I think we are taking a sensible approach to it aff," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said yesterday.
The executive count

the RFU meets tomotrow, and on Monday it is hoped to publish in full England's position on the amateur proposals. In particu-lar, the RFU will arge castion before webling into alternate that before rushing into changes that may well be regretted later.

Although the IRFB amateurism sub-committee will held a spe-cial meeting, before the full annual meeting, to discuss the response to the paper, the RFU waste a marking party to assess

wants a working party to assess what is right for the game during the next year.

Wood did not deny that the RFU is firmly opposed to an extension of the payment of daily allowances for home internationals, as well as to players on tour. It is this which has earned broad approval in Australia, so that players who lose money or concede their holiday so as to prepare for, and play in, internationals are not seen to be disadvented by play in, internationals are not seen to be disadvantaged by their involvement in the game.

The RFU believes that if such an example were adopted at the top of the game, it would soon spread downwards.

Examination eases Pugh's fears of injury The injury to Jeremy Pugh, the Wales tight-head prop, is not as bad as was first thought (Owen

Jenkins writes). Pugh damaged his left knee playing for Reconshire in the Welsh Counties Cup final on Monday night, two days after facing Scotland. He underwent exploratory surgery by the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) surgeon. Malcolm Downes. "There is no structural damage and he should be up and and he should be up and running in 10 to 14 days," John Davies, the WRU doctor, said.

There were other non participants in a relaxed two-hour Welsh squad session at Cardiff yesterday afternoon. Mike Hall, the winger, and David Evans, the stand-off, did not take part. Evans, who left the field on Saturday with head and neck injuries, will not train or play this week, as is mandatory. Hall hes a click hemotime train.

# SNOW REPORTS

Weather Last

Snow

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Runs to

Off/P resort (5pm)

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Good skiling on higher slopes, runs to the resort are
becoming heavy and slushy

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very good skiing; Aiguille Rouge open
nes 180 280 good heavy slushy
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Excellent snow and skiling in brilliant sunshine
Thorans 90 180 good heavy good Les Arcs Val Thorens 90 180 good heavy good Spring sking in the sunshine, all lifts open

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SWITZERLAND
Crans Montana 55 240 good varied fair sun Spring skiing conditions, stiif no queues
Gstaad 0 250 good heavy closed fine Good skiing on upper slopes in fine sunny weather
Klotters 30 240 good heavy good fine Very good piste skiing everywhere
Very good piste skiing everywhere
Verbier 20 270 good varied slush fine 5tiil very good skiing but runs to resort deteriorating in high temperatures
Wengen 20 100 good varied closed fine Best skiing on Mannitchen, Punchbowl and Satingg. Bare patches appearing lower south-facing slopes
In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower alopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

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SCOTLAND

Calmagorise snow level, 2,000t; vertical runs, 1,600t; Runs: upper and middle, at complete, wet snow; lower, some complete, wet snow; lower, some complete; access roads open, some flooding; lows, five operating. Gleenshee: snow level, 2,400ft; vertical runs, 600t; Runs: upper, only Butcharts complete; lower, no snow; access roads open; chalriffs classed; lows, two operating.

Lacht: no vertical runs. Runs: only patches left, chalriffs and tows closed. Assach Maic snow level, 2,500ft; vertical runs, 1,500ft; Runs: upper and lower complete; access roads open; gonole Mr. chalriffs and tows closed. High wholes wit open today, weather permitting. Gleanses

chairfit and lows closed. High winds will open today, weather permitting. Gleanous snow level. 2,000ft; windcal runs, 1,600ft, frums upper and fower, complete, top patches; access roads closed; chairfits and lows closed.

Farecast: Scattered showers of sleet or snow, burning into prolonged periods of rain by attempon. The treating level will be strong weatherly, increasing to gate-force, Outlook: Periods of rain, but with gale-force south westestrip winds. Tomotrow will see a change to surny intervals and scattered sleet or snow showers spreading from north west. Winds weening north west and moderating slowly. Saturday mild and cloudy, with periods of rain spreading from south west and winds becoming strong to gate-force, south westerly.

# BASKETBALL

MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NEAD: Portland Trail Blazer 112 New York Kincis 100, Utah-Jazz 111 Ortando Mago: 101; Prosenk Suns 113 Allesta Hayde 111; Debrot Paparora 101 Sacramento Kinge 91; Indiena Pacers 113 Wishespion Bollets 98; Chaoga Bails 114 Albiguidas Bucks 105; Houston Rockets 112 Lor Angeles Lavers 95; Denver Nuggets 122 Charlotte Housets 95; Seedile SuperSonds 85 "Geveland Carothers 90. BILLIARDS

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MOTOR RALLYING

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WyS. International Middeweight (12 mds); für
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TABLE TENNIS



HOCKEY

ICE HOCKEY

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# THE WINTIMES

England's spectacular slump

Cricket Correspondent Georgetown, Guyana The disciplines which have served England so well in oneday cricket during recent years temporarily deserted them at Bourda yesterday. In perfect conditions, and before an expectant capacity crowd, they wasted a commanding start and batted totally inadequately in the game they had to win to keep this five-match

series alive. A total of 188 for eight, off a restricted ration of 48 overs, reflected a series of careless shots for which they paid dearly. West Indies were still without Greenidge, resting his vulnerable back with Saturday's more consequential second Test match in mind, but in his absence Desmond Haynes and Carlisle Best cheerfully set about putting England's efforts in perspective with a century opening

England's total was all the more disappointing because Gooch and Larkins had batted with an authority which suggested 250 was within range. On a pitch of even bounce and no great pace, it should have been, especially with Marshall missing from the opposition and Ambrose not thought quite ready to return.

What had started out as a batting exhibition went terminally wrong in the middle third of the innings when, against bowling which did no more than adhere to the basics, England lost five wickets for 41 runs. Some were sacrificed in the way they often are in this form of cricket but, after all their good groundwork in Jamaica, it was no better than slapdash.

The crowd, 18,000 inside the ground and many more perched on rooftops, in trees or patrolling the streets outside, seemed bemused. This was the first cricket in Georgetown this season to survive the weather and they had been promised a resurgent England side and a high-scoring spectacular. They saw nothing of the kind.

They had also been promised a recalcitrant Viv Richards and he, at least, did not let them down. Richards outraged the mixed race and multi-cultural Guyanese by referring to his West Indian team as being of African descent in an Antiguan newspaper. Comments like this are seen as racist in this country and on Tuesday Richards had



of the packed stands, doffing every opportunity.

Showmanship was what this game needed, for, once the England openers had gone, the champagne was fast turning to flat lemonade. Gooch, perhaps shedding no tears over being put in, was far more forthright than his modern England mode usually allows, while Larkins dealt with a generous leg-side diet with great relish as England made a marvellous start.

Walsh was withdrawn after a fourth over in which Larkins pulled and then whipped him to the square-leg boundary, but when Baptiste replaced him Gooch played two regal strokes in a single over.

Moseley dropped short and Larkins, with a short arm pull of startling force, landed the ball on the roof of the little, two-tier stand at square leg. Then Gooch, not to be outdone, leant forward to banish Baptiste to the street boundary. But with 71 on the board from 16 overs and estimates of the final total becoming fanciful, Gooch was bowled off his pads by Moseley as he tried to force him to leg, a fatefully familiar end to an innings of

The loss of his captain seemed to inhibit Larkins and quickly England began to lose

charm the vociferous sections the simple things deceptively resistance. well and Larkins, having his cap and bowing to them at driven more than once at thin air, finally made frustrated contact and sliced a catch to

> Richards would customarily have himself bowled Indies a little more to think hereabouts but instead he gave about the ball to the team's one Guyanese, Hooper. If this was another sop to the locals, it was a mighty effective one as, in a full quota of overs, Hooper demonstrated that off spin is an insoluble mystery to strokes of flair and confidence. the modern English batsmen. None was more impressive Almost as one they chose to than Haynes's cover-driven counter it by thrusting their four off Small, none more front pad forward and sweeping almost as one, they were clumsily ineffectual.

Hooper's one wicket came when Capel tried airily to drive him and was bowled off the inside edge. By then, though, Smith had been a victim of his own agitation and Walsh, the beneficiary, had then removed Stewart second ball. This was one ball more than he had managed to survive in the previous match last Saturday and his place in the middle order must be in jeopardy even if his one serious rival, Bailey, has gone too long without match

Keeping England on a tight rein, Richards recalled Bishop to claim the vital remaining wicket of Lamb, caught behind in trying to cut but, just their way. Mosekey may look as the innings looked ready to innocuous alongside his more subside without a fight, Rus-

Wickefkeeper earning his keep: Dujon, of West Indies, runs out DeFreitas during the last throes of England's challenge his 38th birthday, he set out to hostile colleagues but he does sell organized some late

Russell, defying convention in the impish tradition of wicketkeepers, put on 24 with DeFreitas and 25 with Small It was demonstrably too little, too late, but it did give West

Best has seldom been convincing at this level but now, as if sensing that his chances may be limited, he upstaged his senior partner in an opening stand vivid with None was more impressive spectacular than Best's huge straight six off Capel.

## Scoreboard

ENGLAND W Larkins c Richards b Moseley ...
R A Smith c Hooper b Walsh ...
A J Lamb c Dujon b Bishop. ...
A J Starb c Dujon b Walsh ...
J Capel b Hooper ...
R C Russel b Bishop ...
A J DeFreitas nur nati not out Total (8 wids, 48 overs)

A R C Fraser did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-68, 3-109, 4-109, 5-112, 6-132, 7-156, 8-161. BOWLING: Bishop 10-1-41-2: Walsh 10-1-33-2: Baptiste 9-3-29-0; Moseley 9-0-44-



Wicketkeeper turns spectator: Dujon watches Capel bowled

# Counties reject full four-day programme

The first-class counties yesterday iettisoned an attempt to introduce a programme of four-day county championship matches in 1991. After a long debate over two days at the spring meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board, they voted 14-4 against the proposal put forward by the TCCB's cricket committee.

It was a more vehement reaction than had been forecast. The counties voted, instead, 12-6 for the status quo. proposed by Kent and Derbyshire. The present programme of 16 three-day and six fourday matches will be continued, probably for a further three years. Minor Counties abstained on both votes.

Ossie Wheatley, the chairman of the committee, offered his resignation, but it was refused and he was re-elected until September 1991. He said he would be considering whether to continue, although it seemed unlikely last night that he would stand down.

The general view of the members was that four-day cricket was still at an experimental stage. Alan Smith, the chief executive of the TCCB, said that "the majority of members agreed that more four-day cricket would have a beneficial effect on the game and that there could be more four-day matches played at the start of the season. It is true that there is a feeling that too much cricket is played."

He said that Ted Dexter and the other members of the England committee - Wheatley, Micky Stewart, the England team manager, and Smith - were disappointed by the outcome. "Yet Ted took it philosophically and we do not intend to go away and sulk about it. The important thing now is to try to build on the success of the England side in the West Indies and I would not rule out a full programme of four-day cricket in the future." Britannic Assurance's sponsorship of the county championship would not be affected, he said.

Smith stressed that the have a free draw. Until now members were keen that Eng- they could not have been land sides should have longer drawn against another county preparation before Test from the same qualifying matches in England. "Touring group. teams have two clear days and we would like to have that, too." He said that the memsupport for training sessions and for coaching at all levels for England teams.

"They would like to con- batsman from turning the bat tinue with A team tours, such around. as the one to Zimbabwe and it ties in with the board's plans Alan Wells has been voted for sponsorship. Ted Dexter is the Sussex player of the year very pleased with what he has after his return home from the seen on his trip to Zim- unofficial tour to South Af-babwe," Smith said. There rica. In 1989, the 28-year-old was little discussion about a reduction in one-day cricket, the counties having made clear at the TCCB's winter

TCCB decisions

The proposal of the TCCB cricket committee to implement a four-day championship is.

Kent's proposal, seconded by Derbyshure, for a further period of 16 three-day and six lour-day championship

Contracts of the English committee to be renewed for

· Factory-striched balls to be used in Second XI than

Definition of unfit priches should be widered.

 Over-rate fines to be per wholly by players. A county gaining a home draw in the Bersson and

Hedges Cup quarter-finals car be drawn against a county from the same qualifying group. Convex-faced bats to be banned. meeting their objection to any

such proposal.

The board agreed to wide the definition of an unfit pite to take into consideration pitches which often exa gerate sidewaves moveme where the ball consistents dominates the bat". Count would be liable to a penalty of

Over rate fines will continue in county cricket, except that in future they will be paid wholly by the players. Up to now half any fine has been paid by the county. The required rate will be reduced from 18.25 overs to 18 overs per hour as a result of a request from the Cricketers' Association.

Factory-stitched balls are to be used in the second XI. championship this season in the hope that they will prove to be more consistent than are hand-stitched balls. The TCCB feels that there would not be any discrepancy be-tween different factory. stitched balls.

Cup regulations have been amended. A county gaining a home match in the quarterfinals will be able, in future, to

As expected, convex-facel bats, such as the one designed by Chris Cowdrey and a Kent firm, have been banned from first-class cricket. There remains, though, nothing in the laws of the game to prevent

batsman enjoyed his best season, scoring 1,629 champ ionship runs at an average of 52.54.

# Visiting batsmen confound the pundits

Georgetown

It has taken me nine years, give or take an odd few days, to effect entrance to the Bourda ground here. On Eugland's tour of 1981 this part of the world became famous The former England captain very quickly for political action rather more than cricketing action, thanks entirely to the arrival of Robin Jackman and his subsequent and almost immediate expul-

The rest of the party had especially for a very high ratio



captain comments on the oneday international in Guyana. already spent a week or so largely sheltering from persistent rain. We trained indoors at a sports hall remarkable

of mosquitos per cubic foot, most of which, as I remember, homed in on John Emburey, international at Rerbice

tance of the army and a couple of large industrial-sized military helicopters to obviate any

amiable in the Caribbean, despite having been dug up attempt to encourage more life

The pitch here has the that once again it is impossible reputation of being the most to predict the course of any of these one-day lotteries. All I can tell you is that my local "expert" in the Georgetown Cricket Club pavilion was a little off the mark in his assertions that over 500 runs would be scored on the day. And, by the way, apologies to anyone who had hoped to listen to us on Radio 3 - it seems that the local boys had purioined all the relevant

### Scots play same hand for a grand slam gesture of confidence by the the forwards do not always Any chance that Iain Milne to have two tight heads of this Scottish selectors, that they believe the team which started Rugby Correspondent enjoy such superiority at scrum and lineout, and Eng-



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while the rest of us tried to avoid being tackled too hard by Ian Botham in the five-ade football. We did also manage a couple of sessions of outdoor practice, once on a real cricket pitch, once on the tarmac of a school play-ground, and took the trouble to turn up for the one-day To do so needed the assis-

The Scottish selectors yes-

terday named the team that

beat Ireland, France and

Wales for the grand slam encounter with England at Murrayfield on March 17. It is

rare, indeed, for a country to

go unchanged through their five nations' championship

programme. Not even in 1984, when they last won the grand slam, did Scotland man-

age an unchanged team since

But it is a testimony to the

fitness and preparation of the

Scottish players that they have come through unscathed to meet an England team which,

though similarly unbeaten,

has felt obliged to tinker with

the content twice. It is also a

football's latest managerial

casualty when he was dis-

missed by Bradford City yes-

terday. Yorath, who is also the

part-time manager of Wales, was sacked less than 24 hours

after his side lost 3-1 in a

second-division match at

Swindon, a result which com-

pounded the club's problems

David Simpson, who took

over as chairman of the club

four weeks ago, said that the

decision to immediately ter-

minate Yorath's contract had

been taken because of a series of "poor results". City have

not won a game since the turn

of the year or away from Valley Parade in the League

Simpson said that the post

at the foot of the table.

various injuries intervened.

need to negotiate whatever Berbice. Sadly the effort was largely wasted from our point into it. Nothing much seems of view, as our innings subsided against the treacherous and his fast bowling mates still of the day came when we spinner, this time Hooper, arrived back in the evening to bowling a tidy 10 overs for be told we were leaving the only 30 runs.

the job can also finish it.

There was seldom any

doubt that the back division

would remain intact; any criti-

cism of young Tony Stanger, on the right wing, for being lured inside when Wales

scored their try at Cardiff last

weekend must be tempered by

the fact that the Welsh ap-

proach work had, for once, been so good that if he had not

done so, Alan Bateman would

probably have scored rather

The Scottish pack domi-nated in the set pieces in what

was, for them, an unusual

experience. While they are

used to rampaging around in

the loose with great success,

and Bryan Edwards, the

charge of team matters.

not won any of them."

physiotherapist, would take

"It is down to results,

Yorath pledged to continue

in football management while

admitting that his dismissal

did not come as any real

surprise. He was appointed in

February last year following the dismissal, by the club's

former chairman, Jack

Tordoff, of Terry Dolan, who |

is now in charge of Rochdale.

cently signed a two-year con-

tract with Rochdale, he still

lives in Bradford and the

Although Dolan has re-

Simpson said. "In 1990, we

have played nine matches and

than Arthur Emyr.

Terry Yorath became English the club's first-team coach.

would be advertised and until indications are that he may

was made, Arthur Graham, return to his former club.

roads might have led to about three years ago in an off spin bowling of Larry waiting for a wicket with some Gomes. The only good news genuine fire, and another off The simple conclusion is

might replace Paul Burnell as tight-head prop, disappeared when he told Bob Munro, the land will present them with an entirely different set of probchairman of selectors, that he lems; there was talk immedwas having treatment on his iately after the Welsh match of damaged knee, although he Iain Milne and Derek Turnintends to play for Heriot's on bull being restored to the pack, Saturday in an important

but it was hard to see the league game against Gala. selectors departing from the "The physiotherapists told him that if he received a men who have brought Scotfurther knock on Saturday land to this pitch of success. They include Finlay Calder, then he could be out for weeks. whose last home international That and the fact that he has this will be. Calder, captain of Scotland and the British Isles not played an international for 14 months put doubts in our last year, has already anminds." Munro said. Munro, who presided over nounced his intention of retir-

his last meeting on Tuesday night after 10 years as a selector, added: "As we have always known lain is both fair and honest. We are fortunate

Munro conceded that Scotland's performance against Wales was not without imperfections: "We have all looked at the video of the match. There are some ob-

vious problems to be rectified

but these will be looked at on

number one choice."

has many pluses and he is our

but these will be looked at on the training field."

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (London Scottish): A G Stenger (Hawick), S Hastings (Wassonians), S R P Linean (Boroughruin), I Tutello (Settint); C M Chairman (Settint), J Janton (Settint), J Janton (Settint), J Janton (Control Settint), J Janton (Control Settint), J Janton (Control Settint), J Janton (Manuel (London Scottish), J Janton (Manuel (London Scottish), P Contin (Beth), F Calder (Stewart's Mehrite FP), D B Witte (London Scottish), Replacements: P W Dods (Gaid), D S Wyille (Stewart's Mehrite FP), G H Oliver (Hawtel), D J Tuenbull (Hawtel), A K Brewater (Stewart's Mehrite FP), J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals).

### **Poor results finally** Roche at catch up with Yorath the front

his 26th cap.

St Etienne (AFP) - Stephen Roche, of Ireland, the former world cycling champion, took the overall lead in the Paristhe fourth stage time-trial yesterday.

ing from international rugby

after this summer, so there

will be a special welcome at Murrayfield when he collects

Roche, runner-up in the race last year, helped Histor win the 44.5km trial by 35 seconds from Castorama, the team of Laurent Fignon, the world No. 1. Roche is now 31 seconds ahead of Fignon in the individual standings.

Dunlop dies

Everton's leading post-war goalkeepers, has died at the age of 57. He made nearly 250 senior appearances, including 211 in the League, and also such a time as an appointment well be offered the chance to played Minor Counties cricket was made, Arthur Graham, return to his former club.

# SPORT IN BRIEF

## Tigers denied Kingston's important Carlsberg League basketball

fixture against Bracknell Tigers was postponed last night because the court at Tolworth had already been booked by five a-side football players. Nice "Race to the Sun" after The match has been rehis Belgian team, Histor, won arranged for April 3. iro's iliness

Kevin Iro, the New Zealand centre, was yesterday sent home with a stomach illness as Wigan, the rugby league Challenge Cup holders, pre-pared for their semi-final gainst St Helens on Saturday.

# Flood date

Albert Dunlop, one of The Welsh Rugby Union has Everton's leading post-war organized a fixture between a President's XV and a North Wales XV to aid the Towyn flood appeal. The match will be played on Sunday, April 29, in North Wales, at a venue yet to be announced.

# Smoke signs

British speedway, with a new season less than a fortnight away, yesterday celebrated the biggest sponsorship deal in the sport's history. Coal Products. the largest manufacturer of solid smokeless fuels in the country, are to inject £250,000 into the sport in a two-year

## Two elements

The TSB British Orienteering championships will be held in the Sheffield and Barnsley areas from March 24 to 25. The competition will consist of two elements - individual and team. ·

# Curran joins

Paul Curran, the 1986 Commonwealth champion, who won the British circuit race title in his first professional season last year, is to join the Crown-Chafes team.

# Confusion reigns over drugs pair

Confusion reigned in the s date world of women's book yesterday as two unname Welsh competitors remain banned from competing in national indoor champ ionship later this most because they had taken banned drugs as medi

caments. Officials of the Welsh La dies' Indoor Bowling Assoc ation were still seeking adviover the competitors, one whom had declared she been prescribed beta-blocked by a doctor, while the other was taking a steroid.

However, it was not de yesterday whether it was a anabolic steroid, which can be used to help an underweigh individual add muscle, of a steroid used to treat a skill

officials of the govern body have received abusin phone calls as a result of the ban imposed on the compe itors, who are both aged over 50, from its squad for its British Isles finals and ladit international competition Margate later this month

The governing body ashi all representative weld competitors, prior to seko tion, whether they were take any drugs on the Sports Com-cil list, which usually follow that of the Internation Olympic Committee.

However, the Sports Com cil only prohibits those drug in a particular sport which also on the proscribed list the relevant internation federation. Beta blockers not banned by the international Bowling Board. though they are by